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COMMUNISTS KILLED BY TROOPS.

KUOMINTANG SEIZES Y. M. C. A. PROPERTY.

NORTH RE-TAKES PUKOW.

Owing to a determined attempt by the supporters of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to secure complete control in Shanghai, a clash has occurred between his loyal troops and Communists, a wireless report stating that thirteen Chinese have been killed and many wounded. A shipping strike is threatened.

From Hankow comes news of the seizure of Y.M.C.A. property there and also at Changsha, valued at over a quarter of a million gold dollars. This is said to be the work of the Kuomintang extremists. The United States Consul at Hankow has protested.

As regards the fighting between the North and South, a wireless message from Nanking to-day states that the Northerners have re-captured Pukow (opposite Nanking) without any opposition. There have been a number of severe engagements and many wounded are arriving at Nanking.

Details are given of the nature of the documents seized in the raid on the Soviet Embassy at Peking. These disclose that a widespread "Red" campaign is in progress in North China.

Shanghai, Apr. 13. A determined attempt is being made by the supporters of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to secure complete control of the situation in Shanghai. This morning troops rounded up Communists in the native city and at Pootung. A fierce fight ensued and eventually the Communists were defeated. Many arrests were made. The casualties are reported to have been thirteen killed and many wounded.

In consequence of Marshal Chiang's action, a shipping strike has been threatened. "Shanghai is quiet, the atmosphere being generally better."—*Naval Wireless.*

5,000 Rifles Seized.

Shanghai, April 13. Yesterday morning General Pail Chung-hsi, the Shanghai Garrison Commander, sent troops to have all the labour pickets and civilian corps in Shanghai and Sungkiang disarmed. Altogether no less than 5,000 rifles and other war weapons were seized, but all the work was completed in less than ten hours.

It is understood that 35 pickets were killed and wounded during the incident, but the Unionists claim that the troops killed more than 100.

The General Labour Union of Shanghai, has lodged a strong protest with the Garrison Commander against the disarming of the pickets and has asked that the arms be immediately returned. General Pail has repudiated the Union's demand, however, and a general strike of Shanghai has been declared to begin to-day to demonstrate opposition against the military administration, the seamen having walked out.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED.

Chiang's Troops Alert.

Shanghai, April 13. The mass meeting to welcome Mr. Wang Ching-wei, scheduled yesterday, in Chapel, was held in Lunghwa, which is within easy reach of the military. The place was strongly guarded by General Pail's troops, and consequently only a small number of people attended. The meeting lasted less than 10 minutes, and closed without speeches.

It is learnt the extremists meant to use the meeting for starting a general uprising against the military here. The plot was discovered by General Pail, and therefore he had the pickets and civilian-dressed corps, General Feng Yu-hsiang, reports by Soviet military and secret service agents in Canton, Honan, Shensi, and elsewhere; military plans of the Fengtien party and the Kuomintang; confidential letters and reports of the Russian commander of Feng Yu-hsiang's army; letters between the military experts appointed by Moscow and the leaders of the Kuomintang and Kuomintang troops; and communications between the Russian Military Attaché at Peking and his.

The Kuomintang headquarters in Nanking were attacked by a mob yesterday. Several of the Com-

missioners were dragged through the streets and beaten.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Ningpo Fears Subside.

Ningpo, Apr. 13. There are no further developments and it is believed that fears of an anti-foreign outbreak need no longer be entertained.—*Naval Wireless.*

Y.M.C.A. PROPERTY SEIZED.

High-Handed Hankow Action.

Shanghai, April 12. A Hankow message of April 11 says that at Changsha the Kuomintang has confiscated the Y.M.C.A. property, valued at \$150,000, and the Y.M.C.A. building, taking six Chinese secretaries prisoners.

The message adds that the previous day the local Kuomintang had resolved to confiscate the Hankow Y.M.C.A. building, which is American property, valued at \$8100,000.

A protest is being made to the Nationalist Foreign Ministry by the U.S. Consul, but it is not certain whether this will prevent the threatened seizure.—*Reuter.*

FALL OF PUKOW.

Kuomintang Flags Come Down.

Shanghai, April 13. A naval wireless message from Nanking states that the Northern troops occupied Pukow without any opposition on April 12.

All the Nationalist flags were immediately hauled down.—*Reuter.*

SEVERE ENGAGEMENTS.

Wounded Arrive at Nanking.

Nanking, April 13. Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's thrust in the Nanking and Chinkiang districts is still proceeding and severe engagements are being fought. Wounded are still coming in to Nanking.—*Naval Wireless.*

HAUL OF SOVIET PAPERS.

Disclosures at Peking.

Peking, April 12. The Ankuechun has issued an official statement regarding the literature seized in the raid on the Soviet Embassy, declaring that it included, *inter alia*, detailed plans for starting a general uprising against the military here, the plot was discovered by General Pail, and therefore he had the pickets and civilian-dressed corps, General Feng Yu-hsiang, reports by Soviet military and secret service agents in Canton, Honan, Shensi, and elsewhere; military plans of the Fengtien party and the Kuomintang; confidential letters and reports of the Russian commander of Feng Yu-hsiang's army; letters between the military experts appointed by Moscow and the leaders of the Kuomintang and Kuomintang troops; and communications between the Russian Military Attaché at Peking and his.

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NANKING HORROR.

VIVID STORIES BY REFUGEES.

ESSENTIAL ODDS & ENDS.

Every encounter with foreign or Chinese refugees from Nanking brings to light fresh details that are essential to a complete understanding of that atrocious affair and the fact that some details are late in reaching us is no excuse for failing to put them on record writes Mr. Rodney Gilbert to the *N. C. Daily News*. Some of the following odds and ends are of such lasting interest that we present them without further apology for delay.

Both Chinese and foreign witnesses call particular attention to the fact that the attacks upon the British, American and Japanese Consulates were practically simultaneous, although these several buildings are widely removed from one another, and cite this as evidence that the raiding of the consulates was planned and ordered. All testify that the raiders were Southern soldiers of Cheng Chien's command and were never out of control.

No Looting by Northerners.

A Chinese gentleman of good standing, who was in the city during the looting and for several days afterwards and who subsequently had reason to deal with the Southern authorities, says that he made diligent inquiry into the damage done by the fire from the foreign gunboats in the river and at the end of his search had accounted for no more than four persons who were certainly killed by shell fire—an old man, two young women and one middle-aged woman, all of whom were killed in the vicinity of the Drum Tower. The British and American burials, at the outset was immediately over the houses on Socony Hill and endangered the foreign refugees there as much as their assailants. It later fell in the open fields around the hill and could have done no great damage where no large bodies of men were assembled. To this Chinese gentleman's tally of four must be added a soldier who was seen to fall while in full flight across country when a shell burst near him. It is also thought that some of the raiders were shot down by the foreigners in the Socony Hill houses after the first shells put them to flight, but of these there can be no accurate record.

White Russians' Mistake.

The shameful Northern collapse in the fighting, on March 23, just south of Nanking, is explained by some foreign observers as having been due to the rashness of bodies of White Russians. The total White Russian force they estimate at about 2,000 and they believe that fully fifty per cent. were killed. These men showed no disposition to participate in organized defence or attack, but threw themselves away by splitting up and rushing among the Southerners in isolated groups, doing inestimable damage but invariably losing their lives when they were isolated and outnumbered. It is said that the last 500 of these men who went into the lines—stopped at a wine shop at one of the city gates and primed themselves for the ordeal by consuming great quantities of samshu. Their shock tactics were probably costly enough to the Hunanese but when they had wasted themselves and disappeared, the moral effect of their loss upon the Shantung troops was fatal, for the latter did not wait to make a stand on their own account but were thrown into a hopeless panic.

Debt to Admiral Hough.

The great body of foreigners who were unable to escape from the city during the looting but were delivered at the Bund the following morning by the Nationalists, undoubtedly owe much to Admiral Hough of the American Yangtze patrol and to his firmness in dealing with the Southern agents. Admiral Hough, it will be remembered, arrived in the label after the incident, and got word into town that all foreigners were to be brought to the river front by ten o'clock the following morning. Before the hour stipulated on the morning of the 25th, an apologist called on the Admiral to make official excuses and express official regrets.

BETTER NEWS FROM FOCHOW.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN LEADERS ROUTED.

Moderates in Control.

So far as appearances go, writes a correspondent from Fochow, the past week has seen a definite decline in the influence of the Radicals in Fochow.

On March 31st, invitations were sent out for a meeting representative of all classes for the purpose of establishing a "Society to Oppose Cultural Invasion," evidently a further effort to destroy Christian schools. Those who went were requested to bring a dollar as membership fee. It was decided that representatives of as many Christian schools as possible, both teachers and students, should attend and protest against the formation of such a Society. About 100 went and found they were in a majority. An argument took place as to the propriety of demanding a fee at such a meeting and, in the meantime, two representatives of the Government arrived, and ordered the organisers of the meeting to disperse at once as the meeting had not received any legal sanction.

Satisfactory Assurances.

On the following day, a procession of more than 1,000 teachers and pupils of Christian schools paraded the streets, with flags and handbills, demanding the suppression of the Society.

ADULT WOMEN SUFFRAGE.

British Premier's Expected Announcement.

London, April 12.

Reuter's Lobby correspondent understands that Mr. Stanley Baldwin will announce, in the House of Commons to-morrow, that the Government has decided to give the adult franchise to women without any reservation whatsoever.—*Reuter.*

tion of those who were seeking to disturb the peace, and also that the Government should recognise the Christian schools at once by sending to them the regulations for Registration of Private Schools, which have not yet been officially promulgated in Fochow. These demands were also made direct to the officials, and I understand that very satisfactory assurances were given on both heads. This ought to demonstrate the desire of the Christian Schools for Registration and silence those who oppose them as incorrigibly foreign institutions.

Colonel Shot.

On April 3rd, a much larger demonstration, in which more than 300,000 people are said to have taken part (though I imagine this is a gross exaggeration), was held for the purpose of supporting Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and the Moderate section of the Kuomintang. During the proceedings, a military Colonel named Huang, spoke on behalf of the extremists, and was rudely seized, handed over to the soldiers, of whom 3,000 took part in the demonstration, shot and his body thrown into the river. Resolutions were passed demanding that Chiang Kai-shek retain his position of leadership until the military side of the revolution is complete, and that certain extremists, whose names were given, be dealt with.

No doubt partly due to the above, the Provincial "Soviet" (Tang Pu) has been broken up (most of its members were Communists) and proclamations have been put out ordering the people to refrain from violence and back up the moderates.

In short, if Fochow were left to itself, it might not be such a bad place to live in.

TO-DAY.

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LINER BEACHED.

JAPANESE VESSEL HITS ROCKS.

LIMPS INTO HARBOUR.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha vessel, Scotland Maru, met with an alarming mishap last night, as a result of which she lies ashore in Kowloon Bay, somewhat badly holed.

The ship first went ashore at Tatung Point in a fog, striking the rocks heavily about 8.30 last night. A distress call was immediately sent out, but the steamer was able to get off later unaided, and made for Hongkong harbour, leaking badly. On arrival here, about 2.30 this morning, the Scotland Maru was making water so rapidly that it was considered advisable to beach her, and the master ran her ashore in Kowloon Bay, where she now lies.

The Scotland Maru was on the voyage out from Liverpool, bound for Shanghai and Japan. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha are the local agents.

It has been ascertained that the Scotland Maru was inward bound from Europe, as stated, carrying approximately 6,000 tons of cargo, of which 350 tons were consigned to Hongkong.

Extensive Damage.

Numbers 1, 2 and 3 holds are leaking, there being at least 13 feet of water in Number 2 and slightly less in Numbers 1 and 3, resulting in extensive damage to freight. Lighters have been sent alongside to take off cargo from the vessel, which is at present lying ashore off the Cemen. Works, in Kowloon bay.

No approximation of the damage can be made until the cargo is out and examination is made. The vessel is in the hands of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, who are supervising the discharge of cargo and salvage operations, which, it is understood, will be an extensive work. The Scotland Maru is owned by Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Kaisha, and is a vessel of 5,863 tons gross. Built in 1919 by the Kawasaki Dockyard, at Kobe, she is 385 feet long, with a breadth of 51 feet and depth of 36 feet. The ship is fitted with wireless.

CHINESE LEGATIONS STARVED.

MAY CLOSE ALL OVER EUROPE.

Geneva, April 12. "No salaries and no Legations." This appears to be the straits to which the Chinese diplomatic arrangements in Europe are being reduced in consequence of the personal not receiving money, in some cases for two years, and explains the absence of Mr. Chu, now the Minister at Rome, from the disarmament committee, of which he is a member.

The closing-down of the Legations on May 7 is contemplated, in view of Peking not having replied to representations concerning the financial aspect.

The Kuomintang committee in Paris wash their hands of the business, and even refuse to take charge of the Legation archives in the event of closing.

It is understood that the Chinese delegation to the League of Nations will continue to function.—*Reuter.*

FOG BOUND.

LOCAL SHIPPING AFFECTED.

All vessels arriving in port to-day report dense fog both to seaward and in the Delta.

The Sui An from Macao arrived at 7.30 a.m. this morning after a 15-hour trip from the port of departure, and sailed again at 9.30 a.m. She was compelled to return to harbour as navigation was impossible and berthed at 10.30 a.m. Up to the time of going to press she remains at her wharf.

CANTON UNREST GROWS.

GARRISON BEING INCREASED.

LABOUR CLASH.

Canton, April 12.

General Li Chai-sum, the military leader in Kwangtung and Kwangai, who went up to Shanghai recently to confer with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek on questions of national importance, is expected back in Canton to-day or to-morrow. The General recently cabled here that he would not return until after the Kuomintang conference at Nanking, but owing to the "Red" activities in Canton he has decided immediately to return, in view of the fear of an uprising. He is accompanied by Mr. Ku Ying-fan.

General Ho Ying-ching has informed General Chien Ta-chun, the local garrison commander, that he is despatching two regiments from Fukien to reinforce the Canton garrison.

The Police Commissioner, General Tang Yin-wah, yesterday called a conference of the whole police force, at which he made a speech on the necessity for observing the genuine Kuomintang principles.

Fatal Faction Fight.

There was an armed conflict between the opposing factions of labour unionists at the East Parade ground yesterday morning. The men used iron bars, stout sticks and daggers, and two of the contestants were killed, whilst fifteen others were injured.

The conflict was finally stopped by armed police who had been sent out from headquarters.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

NAVAL LIMITATION.

ONE POINT SETTLED.

Geneva, April 12. The Preparatory Disarmament Committee has disposed of the remaining points of divergence in the British and French naval armaments Drafts on the question of limiting effectiveness, and has reserved the second point in the hope that an acceptable formula will be found.

Viscount Cecil agreed to the limitation of the total effective on condition that all the contracting parties also agreed. He reiterated the reservation that Britain was only able to make concessions on her own behalf and not as regards the naval effectiveness of the Dominions.

Mr. Gibson (United States) declared that the limitation of the number of ships would lead to the limitation of effectiveness.

Viscount Sato (Japan) said he was unable to assent to the limitation of effectiveness, though he might be able to reconsider the matter on a second reading. He was opposed to dividing a fleet into Home and Colonies and, in this respect, agreed with Britain, America and Italy, whereupon M. Paul Boncour (France) abandoned the distinction between Home and Colonial fleets.

Mr. Brouckere (Belgium) said it was now possible to submit a single text to the Conference, affirming the principle of the limitation of all effectiveness, capable of fighting on land.—*Reuter.*

STOP PRESS.

LATEST NEWS OF FIGHTING.

Pukow, April 13. Foreign men-of-war moved one mile up river from Nanking in order to keep clear of the line of fire between Nanking and Pukow.

The Nationalist gunboats which have been recently concentrated at Nanking for its defence moved three miles up the Yangtze from Nanking. No attempt has yet been made by the Northerners to cross the Yangtze.—*Reuter.*

"Woodcock" Fired On.

Shanghai, April 13. Fire was opened on H.M.S. Woodcock from the shore just above Chinkiang as she was on her way down river to-day. The Woodcock returned the fire.—*Reuter.*

Warship to Weihaiwei.

Shanghai, April 13. H. M. S. Carlisle was sent to Weihaiwei this morning as the result of a consular message to the effect that trouble is expected there from bandits.—*Reuter.*

LYING "GAZETTE."

SEAMAN'S OFFICIAL SENTENCED.

SEDITIONARY MATTER CASE.

Fung San, a seaman formerly employed on the s.s. Fatsan and believed by the police here to be a member of the Executive Committee of the All-China Seamen's Union was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning for being in possession of a large quantity of anti-British and seditious matter.

The accused was arrested on the 4th instant on the Canton Wharf, carrying a bundle of the current issue of the Seamen's Union Gazette, and had been a week in police custody awaiting the outcome of further investigations. On the expiration of a remand he was again produced before the Magistrate this morning, when the following dialogue took place:—

Magistrate:—Now, you are charged with having in your possession all these copies of the Seamen's Union Gazette, which contain anti-British and seditious matter.

Accused:—I admit possession of these copies, but I did not know what were their contents.

Magistrate: Now, you know all about a similar case two months ago? No? You are telling lies. Every seaman knows about that case, when three men were arrested exactly for the same thing on an American boat.

Must Have Known.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy stated that arising from the previous case to which his Worship referred, a large number of circulars had since been issued by the Seamen's Union, complaining of "the high-handed action of the Hongkong Government in preventing freedom of speech and action." It was impossible for the accused not to have heard of the case or had his attention drawn to it.

Accused: I am entrusted with these copies by the Seamen's Union in Canton to bring to the Seamen's Union in Hongkong.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy said that 580 copies of the Gazette containing seditious matter were seized by the police. Accused had waited until all the other passengers had gone ashore and until the revenue searchers had withdrawn from the wharf, before he landed with the papers.

Deliberate Lies.

His Worship to accused: This publications tells deliberate lies. Such a statement that British gunboats aided Northerners in attacking Nationalist troops is absolutely false. Reports of massacres of Chinese by British at Hankow and Nanking are also absolute lies, and you know they are. Anything else to say?

Accused: If there is anything untrue in those publications, it is not my fault. It is the business of the Seamen's committee.

His Worship: You are one of the Seamen's Committee yourself, and you are responsible for bringing such seditious matter into Hongkong.

Accused after a number of other statements, finally said: I have always believed that what was published by the Seamen's Union in Canton was true. I have nothing else to say, and I have no witness to call.

His Worship: You obviously must know of the earlier case of people being punished for this identical publication, an earlier number, and you still dared to bring this publication into the Colony, therefore you must be punished for it. Six months.

CHINA MERCHANTS.

RIVER SERVICE RESUMED.

The steamship service of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co., which has been suspended since December 6 of last year, as a protest against the seizure of the company's ships by the Chinese military authorities at Nanking and Canton, was resumed on Thursday last.

The str. Sing Klangton left Shanghai at 6 p.m. on that date and the str. Klangang left for river ports early on Saturday morning.

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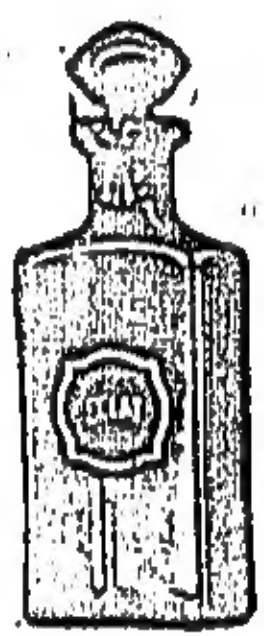
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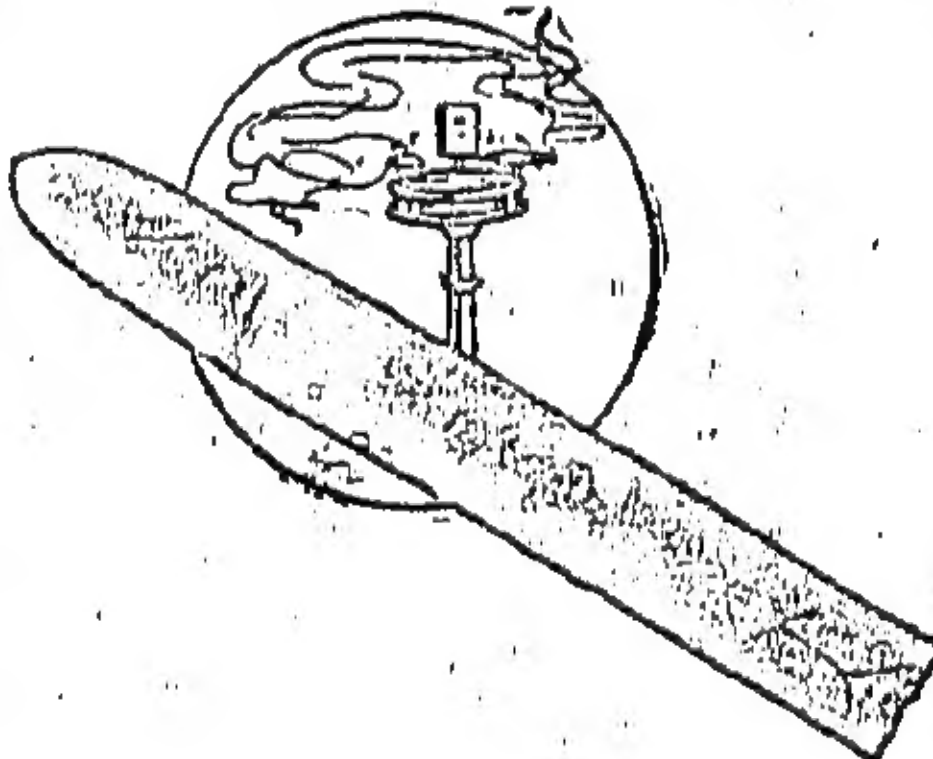
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CHINA CRISIS.

OVERNIGHT CABLES.

Shanghai, April 12.
A wireless message from Han-
kow states that owing to the con-
tinued unsafety for foreigners,
Admiral Cameron considers all
Britishers should live either on the
waterfront close to the men-of-
war or aboard ships.—*Reuter.*

Canton Clash Expected.

Washington, April 12.
A despatch to the State Depart-
ment from the American Consul-
General at Canton reports the
situation is most tense and a clash
between Communists and Moder-
ates is momentarily expected.—*Reuter.*

Peking Condemned.

Moscow, April 12.
Mr. Chicherin has received a
telegram from Mr. Eugene Chen
expressing profound regret at the
raid on the Soviet Embassy at
Peking and declaring the Na-
tionalist Government would take
strong action against the wanton
violation of the Sovereignty and
dignity of the Soviet republics by
Chang Tso-lin.—*Reuter.*

Troops for Indo-China.

Paris, April 12.
The *Petit Parisien* says that the
French Government is induced to
contemplate the eventualities of re-
inforcing the troops in Indo-
China, but no decision has as yet
been taken.—*Havas.*

Japanese Garrison at Tientsin.

Tokyo, April 12.
In view of the present situation
in North China it has been decided
to retain the present Japanese gar-
rison at Tientsin pending improve-
ment, even after the arrival of
reliefs which are being despatched
shortly.—*Reuter.*

River not Crossed.

Shanghai, April 12.
Only the most meagre wireless
service is available regarding the
Northern offensives against the
Cantonese.

The main facts are that Chang
Tsung-chang is close on Pukow on
the opposite side of the river from
Nanking. His aeroplanes bombed
Pukow and Nanking yesterday.

Sun Chuan-fang, who came down
the Grand Canal and is now oppo-
site Chinkiang on the other side of
the river has deployed his troops
along the left bank down as far as
Kiangyin, half way between Shang-
hai and Nanking. He has not yet
crossed the river and the Canton-
ese still hold the Shanghai-
Nanking Railway.—*Reuter.*

THE SACCO-VANZETTI CASE.

COMMITTEE URGES AN INVESTIGATION.

Boston, April 12.
The "Sacco-Vanzetti Defense
Committee" has written to the
Governor more fully asking for
five impartial citizens to thorowly
investigate the case of Sacco
and Vanzetti whom the Massachu-
setts Superior Court sentenced to
death on the 9th instant.

It is alleged that the case of the
prisoners was unjustly prejudiced
by the fact that they were known
to be Communists. The Committee
declared there were matters in the
case which never came to light,
and asked for the investigation
with a view of liberating the pri-
soners in the interests of justice.
—*Reuter's American Service.*

FERDINAND RECOVERING.

CONDITION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

Bucharest, April 12.
The condition of the King con-
tinues to improve and no further
bulletins will be issued.—*Reuter.*

NEW SHIPS.

A BIG INCREASE OVER LAST QUARTER.

London, April 12.
Lloyd's Register of Shipbuilding
returns for the quarter ending March
31st shows that 1,316,000 tons are
under construction in Great Britain
and Ireland, an increase of 488,000
compared with the quarter ending
December 31st last year. The ton-
nage upon which work was suspend-
ed was only 20,000, as compared
with 99,000 for the previous quarter.
The present totals are the highest
since December, 1924, but are still
673,000 below the average tonnage
built during the twelve months be-
fore the war.

The tonnage commenced during
the quarter was 870,000, compared
with 163,000 during the fourth
quarter of 1923. The tonnage launched
was 127,000, an increase of 59,000
compared with the previous quarter.
The total merchant tonnage being
built in other countries is 1,382,000,
an increase of 180,000 as compared
with the last quarter of 1923. The
tonnage commenced abroad was 367,-
000 and launched 131,000, an increase
of 95,000 and a decrease of 181,000
tons respectively, compared with the
previous quarter, but still 876,000
below the highest pre-war record.
The tonnage of motor ships under
construction throughout the world is
1,175,000 and steamships 1,370,000.
—*Reuter.*

TO KILL MUSSOLINI.

ARRESTED GENERAL CONFESSES THE ATTEMPT.

Rome, April 12.
A frank admission that
he intended to assassinate
Sig. Mussolini has been made
by General Zaniboni, who
was surprised on November 4,
1925, with a rifle in a room
opposite the balcony of Chigi
Palace, where Mussolini was due
to appear, and who is now being
tried with General Capello and six
others on the charge of conspiring
against the State, in attempting
the life of the duce.

Zaniboni declared that he would
undoubtedly have killed Mussolini
had the police not arrested him
when they did. He intended the
assassination to be accompanied
by an attack by 200 men on the
Fascists outside the Palace but as
all his attempts to collect men
failed he decided to act alone.

Questioned in regard to the
300,000 francs which he alleged
he had gone to France to receive
from the former Czechoslovakian
socialist leader in the winter,
Zaniboni admitted that he received
70,000 lire to be used in anti-
Fascist propaganda through
friends from his wife and a per-
son named Bellini, whom he had
known in Italy, where he carried
on banking transactions.

Capello denied the charge. The
case was adjourned.—*Reuter.*

THE GERMAN LOAN.

H. & S. BANK ISSUES EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.

London, April 12.
The Hongkong and Shanghai
Bank has issued a statement em-
phasizing that there has been no
failure on the part of the Chinese
Government to pay the monthly in-
stalments required to cover the
interest and principal of the Ger-
man loan of 4½ per cent. gold
loan of 1898, and pointing out that
the Chinese Ministry of Finance
embargoed the funds remitted by
the Inspector General to cover the
overdraft, with which the bank
paid the old German coupons
bonds.

The statement declares that the
Chinese Government is under a
misapprehension in stating that
there were two accounts and that
the advance to meet these overdue
bonds coupons was to be treated
separately.—*Reuter.*

RUSSIA AND POLAND.

MOSCOW'S ANXIETY FOR AN AGREEMENT.

Warsaw, April 12.
The connexion between the idea
of a Polish Russian agreement and
Russia's position in China is dis-
cussed by M. Kurjerwaryzawski
who believes that, as Moscow is
faced with difficulties in the Far
East, she should be interested in
concluding such a pact as speedily
as possible.—*Reuter.*

BOARD OF TRADE.

RETURNS FOR MONTH OF MARCH.

London, April 12.
The Board of Trade returns for
March show imports amounting
to £113,524,000 and exports to
£62,114,000, increases of £19,672,-
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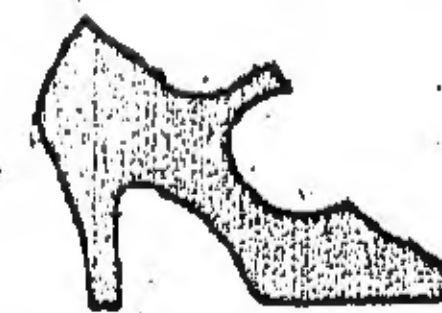
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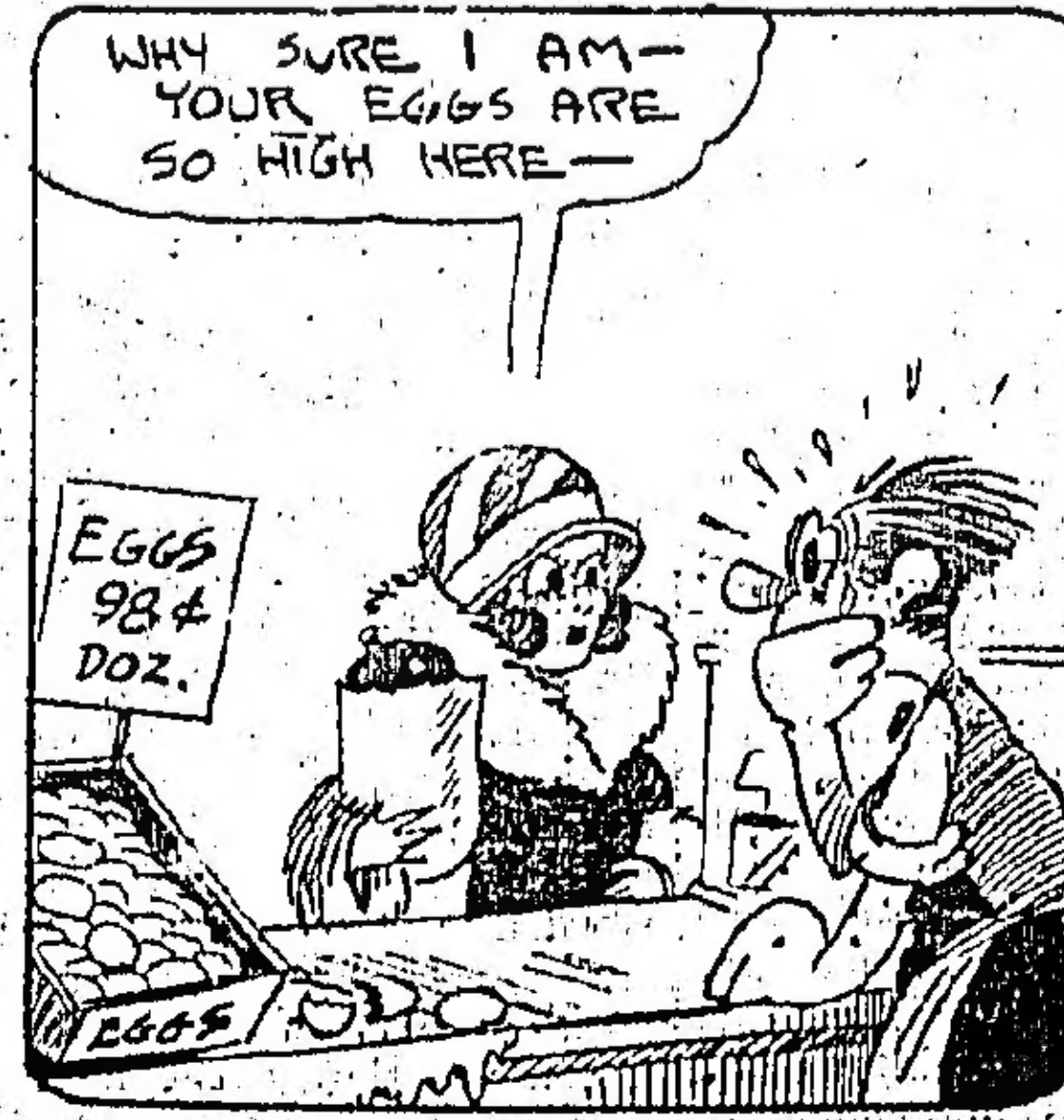
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Leo A. Bourke (inset), is the founder of what is believed to be one of the world's largest chick hatcheries. A view of the interior of the plants shows an aisle of 180,000 eggs.



Prince Higashi Kuni, brother-in-law of the late Emperor Yoshihito, of Japan. This photo was made when, travelling incognito, he reached New York on route to attend the funeral services at Tokyo. He had been in France.



"Sandringham Spruce," star of King George's spaniel kennels at Sandringham, won a first prize for his royal master at Cruft's Fortieth Dog Show, London.



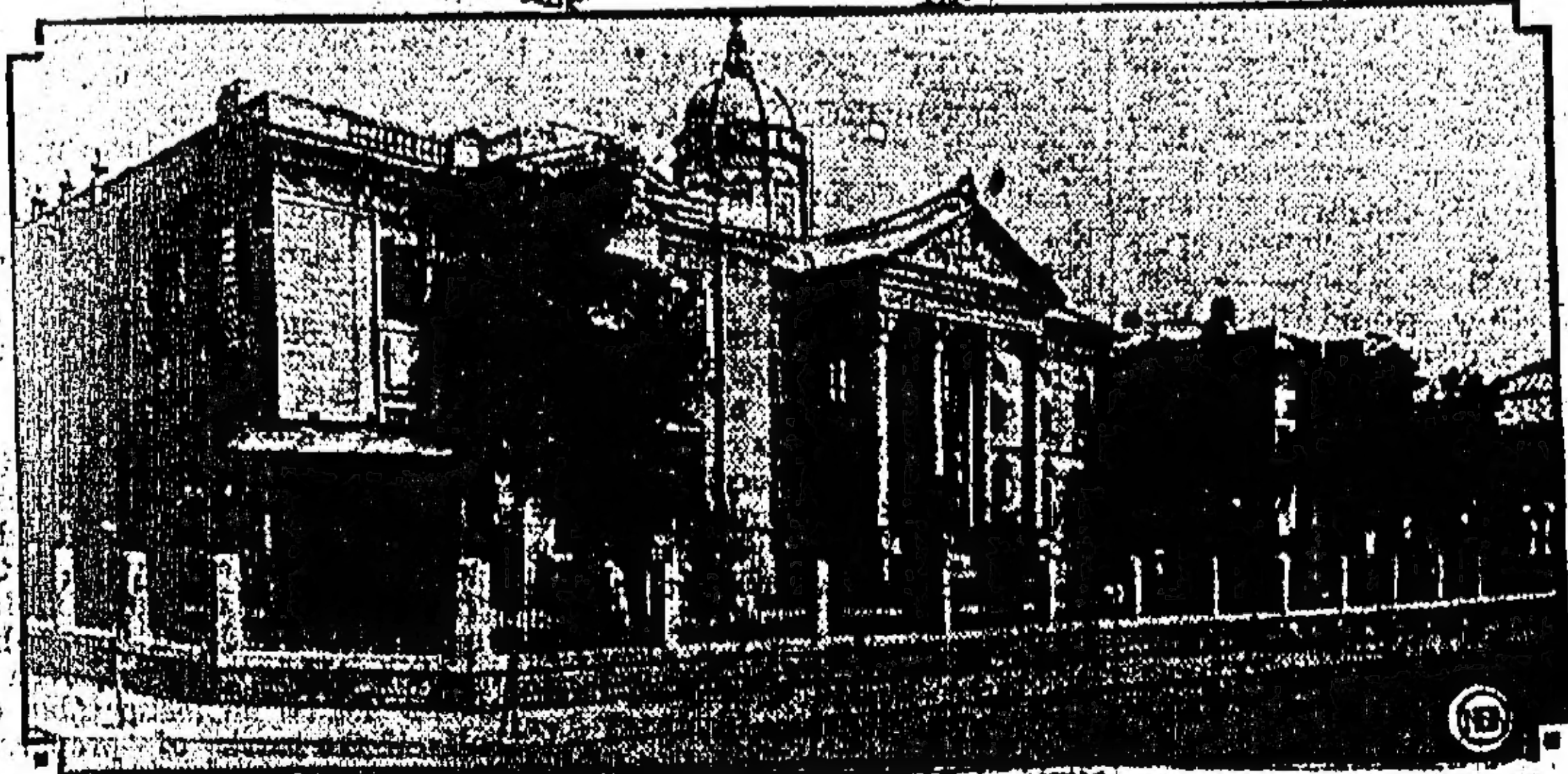
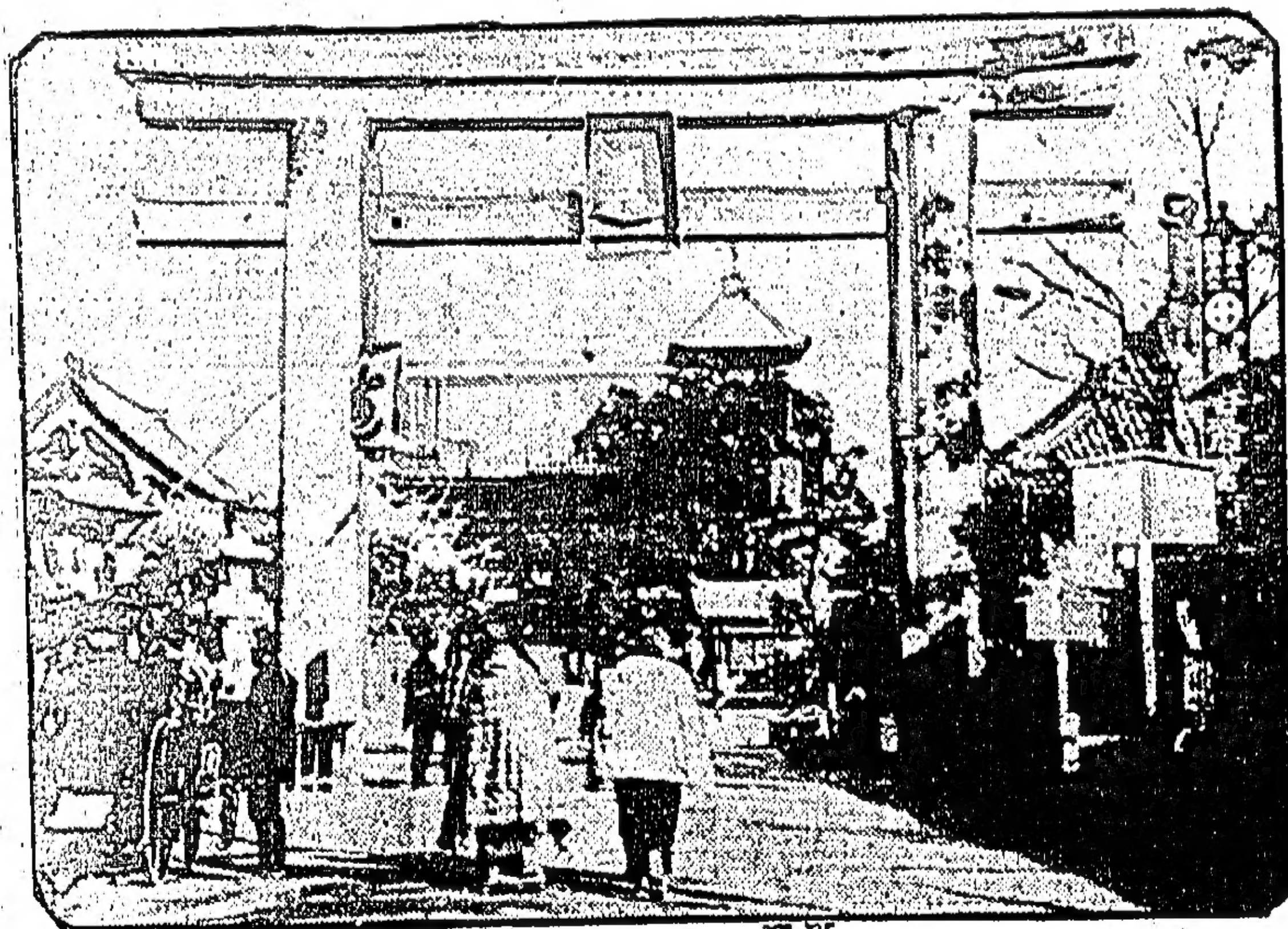
General Smedley D. Butler, China-bound to command the United States marines at Shanghai, is pictured here (second from left) with fellow officers as he left San Diego, California, on the steamer Yale. To the left is Lieut.-Col. E. B. Miller, chief of staff. Next to Butler (left to right) are Lieut.-Col. Percy F. Archer and Lieut. L. F. Whitaker.



Sister Perpetue, of the Women's Prison at St. Lazare, France, is the first nun to wear the cross of the French Legion of Honour. It was conferred upon her for her humanitarian and spiritual service to the women in her care.



Here is something new, the new "tete-a-tete" benches being placed in the parks of Denver (Colo.). They bring the lass and her swain face to face.

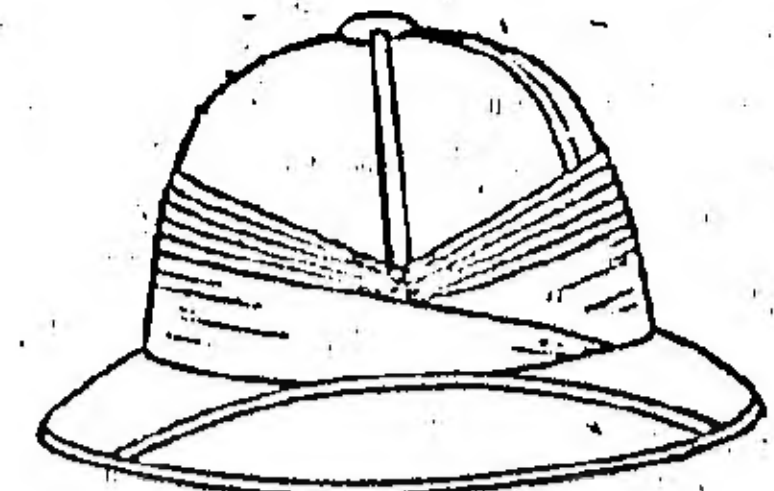


Osaka was one of the Japanese cities heaviest hit by the recent earthquake. Above is a view of the Shi Tennoji Buddhist temple there, while below is pictured the Prefecture, one of the principal public buildings.



Mrs. Margaret Ross Lansdowne, widow of Commander Zachary Lansdowne, late captain of the ill-starred dirigible Shenandoah, and John Caswell, Jr., of Boston, following their marriage in Washington. News photographers were evaded at the marriage, but surprised them as they were about to enter the Union Depot to depart for New York.

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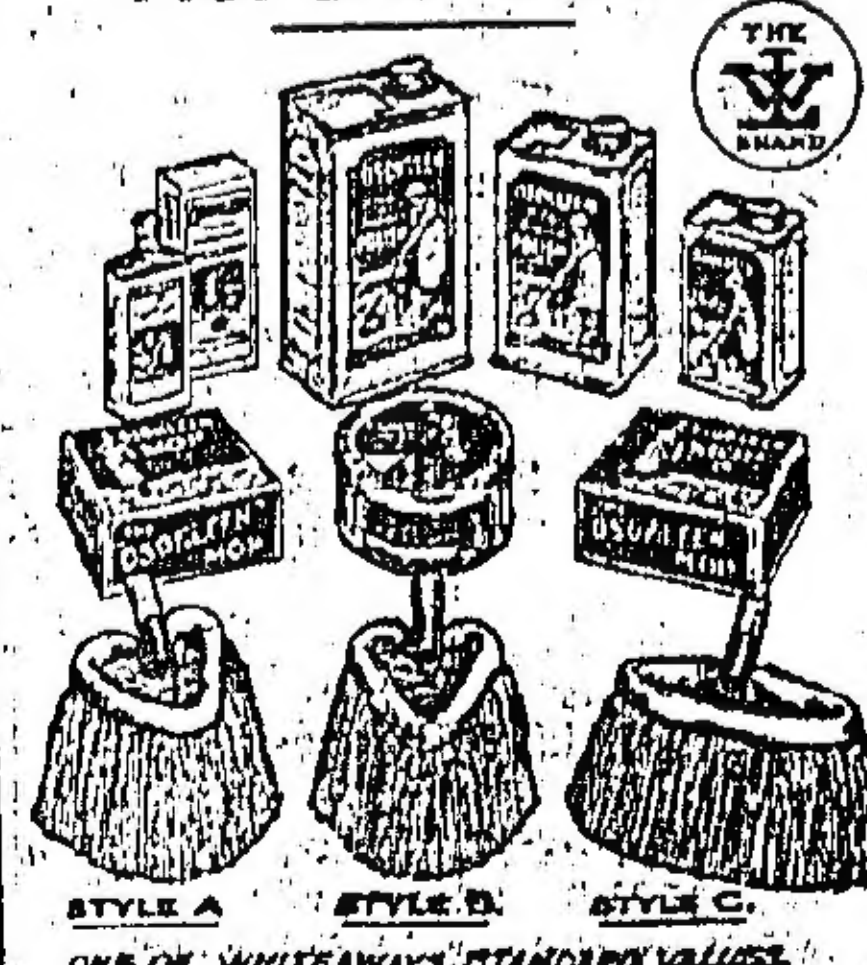
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with ordinance No. 12 of 1912, The Exchange Banks will be CLOSED for the Transactions of Public Business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 15th, 16th and 18th April, 1927. (EASTER HOLIDAYS).
Hongkong, 11th April, 1927.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the departure on leave of Mr. Jean ROCCA, the interests of our firm will be taken in charge by Mr. M. GUILLOT, as from April 13th, 1927.

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NOTICE.

On Good Friday, the 15th instant and Easter Monday, the 18th instant, all Departments will be CLOSED.

On these days, The Hongkong Dispensary will be opened for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

On Saturday, the 16th instant, all Departments will be open as usual.
Hongkong, April 13, 1927.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-SEVEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the above Club will be held in the Club House, on THURSDAY, the 14th April, 1927, at 5.45 p.m.

BUSINESS.

Adoption of Report and Accounts.
Granting of Honoraria.
Election of Office Bearers.
Election of Life Member.
Election of General and Ballotting Committees.
Prizes for Forthcoming Season.
Any other Business.

D. GOW,
Hon. Secretary.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED, will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of April, 1927, at the Board Room of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, HONG KONG, at 11 a.m. in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1926, confirming the appointment of two Directors and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 16th April to the 23rd April, 1927, both days inclusive.
Dated this 11th day of April, 1927.
By Order,
of the Board,
R. GUY WILKERSON,
Secretary.

14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

SEVENTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

Saturday, 16th April, at 9.15 p.m.

at the
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MAIN EVENTS.

Welterweight Championship of the Colony

15 Round Contest.
Stoker Norman Morris,
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Stoker Evans,
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The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. per day for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5. each per day up to Thursday 14th April, 1927.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

MACAO RACES.

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FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

24TH APRIL, 1927.
First Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) on Sunday, 24th April, 1927, commencing at 11 a.m.

Entry Forms may be obtained upon application to the Hongkong Jockey Stable.
Entries will close on 14th April, at 8 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$40 (silver currency).

Tickets of admission to the Guests' Enclosure may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

Price \$2. each (in Bank Notes).

Members are requested to wear their badge visibly.

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S. W. CHENG,
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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1,035 n.
Chartered Bank, 421 n.
Mercantile A. & B., 432 n.
Mercantile C., 413 n.
P. and O., 494 n.
East Asia, 468 n.
Marine Ins.
Canton Ins., 560 n.
China Underwriters, 580 n.
North China, Tls. 143 b.
Union Ins., 5286 n.
Yankee Ins., 538 n.
Fire Ins.
China Fire, \$205 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$600 b.
Shipping
Douglases, \$31 n.
Steamboats, \$20 b.
Tugs, \$110 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 95/- n.
Star Ferries, \$52 n.
Waterboats, \$14 b.
Refineries.
China Sugars, \$18 n.
Malabars, \$31 n.
Mining.
Bonguats, \$1.70 b.
Kailans, 38/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 21 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 4 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n.
Rauba, \$4 n.
Tronohs, 21/- n.
Ural Caspian, 8/- n.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, 98 n.
Whampoa Docks, 338 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 150 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 52 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 100 n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$5.90 s.
H.K. Lands, \$50 b.
Realty, \$6 n.
Territorials, \$13 n.
Humphreys, \$12 n.
Princes Bldgs, \$39 n.
Rural Lands, \$13 n.
Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 71 b.
Orientals, Tls. 24 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 54 n.
Buses, Trams.
China Buses, Tls. 94 n.
Tramways, \$20 n.
Peak Trams, (old) \$15 b.
Spore Tractions 11/- n.
Taxis, \$1 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$17 b.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$7 n.
China Lights, \$12 n.
China Prov., \$4 b.
Constructions, \$2.30 n.
Dairy Farms, \$15 n.
Dor A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$48 n.
Macao Electric, \$35 b.
Ropes (Old) \$10 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$7 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 n.
Sinceres, \$9 n.
United Asbestos, \$18 n.
Watsons \$11 n.
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BANKRUPT BANK.

APPLICATION AGAINST AN ESTATE.

In the Bankruptcy Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, the acting Chief Justice, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. M. H. Turner, appeared on behalf of the Trustee in Bankruptcy of the Yue Hong Bank and applied for the estate of Ng Min-sau, alias Ng Cheong Sin Fong, who died on November 4, 1925, to be administered in bankruptcy.

The petitioner was Wong Wai-chung, and the application was heard *ex parte*. The application was for an order for the administration in bankruptcy of the estate of Ng Min-sau, as being the proprietor or a partner before his death, or alternatively on the grounds that he was justly indebted to the bank, which has been adjudicated bankrupt and insolvent.

Mr. Potter produced papers and balance sheets found on the premises, which he contended proved that Ng Min-sau was either a partner or the proprietor of the bank.

Mr. Potter said, at the beginning of his address, that notice of withdrawal of opposition had been filed. Continuing, he said the grounds they were relying on were twofold. Firstly that Ng Min-sau was either the sole proprietor, or a partner in the bank, or, alternatively, he was indebted to the bank for a sum which amounted to more than the assets of his estate.

The bank was a firm which had been adjudicated bankrupt and insolvent. The bankruptcy was not a satisfactory one, as most of the material books were missing, and there was only one foki available. They had found on the premises, however, documents which would abundantly prove, in conjunction with the evidence, that Ng Min-sau was in fact the proprietor or principal partner.

A Retired Contractor.

It would be proved that Ng Min-sau, who was originally a Sanitary Board contractor, retired from the business, and having apparently a considerable amount of money, he decided to start a Chinese bank, under the name of the Yue Hong. His tongue name was Ng Cheong Sin Tong.

Among other witnesses, Counsel would call a Chinese doctor, who had known Ng Min-sau for many years. He would tell the Court that Ng told him, after retiring from the Sanitary Board contractorship, that he was about to start a Chinese bank, even discussed the matter with him. About five years ago, Ng advised the doctor to deposit money in the bank, which he did.

He would also call the accountant of the bank, who would say he was employed there since February, 1924, and that Ng Min-sau employed him and fixed his salary. He would also say that Ng only visited the bank 5 or 6 times a month, but all matters of importance were reported to him at his house in Gage Street, although the business was carried on by the manager.

Enumerating further facts pointing to the conclusion that Ng was either the proprietor or a partner, Mr. Potter said on the anniversary of his birthday the employees of the bank gave a dinner in his honour, and he later returned the compliment by a dinner to the employees.

An Important Interest.

Mr. Potter went on to refer to notes written to the bank in Ng's handwriting, being requests for money to be paid to the bearer, and pointed out that he used the words "our firm". There could be no doubt, added Mr. Potter, that he was a very important factor, if not the proprietor.

After Ng Min-sau had died, as a mark of respect a communication was issued by the bank, bearing the chop of the bank. Counsel was instructed that such was the Chinese custom when the proprietor or partner of a firm died.

Dealing with balance sheets, Mr. Potter referred to one commencing in 1924 up to the end of February 1925, in which was mentioned a list of assets of the bank consisting of shares. When they came to the monthly balance sheets, however, they would find that those assets disappeared, and instead was substituted the indebtedness of Ng Min-sau to the bank for a like amount. The reason was that the manager thought it would be advisable to sell the shares, but Ng Min-sau did not think so and suggested that they should be put in his name and that amount debited to the bank.

There was nothing wrong about that, but the idea was that in case the market went down any more, the bank would be able to show a better balance sheet, and would also indicate that they had not been speculating.

Liabilities \$330,000.

Wong Wai-chung, the trustee in bankruptcy, said the bank was

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Straits	Takliwa	April 18.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	April 18.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Korea Maru	April 14.
Japan and Shanghai	Devanha	April 15.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	April 18.
Straits	Jeyapore	April 16.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	April 17.
Straits	Hakone Maru	April 17.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers, London 17th March and parcels 16th March)	Khiva	April 17.
Australia and Manila	Mishima Maru	April 22.
Japan	Aki Maru	April 22.
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	April 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Shinyo Maru	April 26.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	April 29.
Straits	Suwa Maru	May 1.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, C. and S. America and *Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jackson	Wed., Apr. 13, 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m. (Due San Francisco 10th May).
Samshui and Wanchow	Koehow	Wed., Apr. 13, 4 p.m.
Straits	Cremor	Thurs., Apr. 14, 2 p.m.
Weihaiwei	Huichow	Thurs., Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	Fri., Apr. 15, 9 a.m.
Sourabaya	Jilatroon	Fri., Apr. 15, 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Suiyang	Fri., Apr. 15, 9 a.m.
Manila, Australia, New Zealand via Thursday Island	Changto	Fri., Apr. 15, 9 a.m. Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island, 25th April.)
*Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Sat., Apr. 16, 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.
Swatow	Yatshing	Sat., Apr. 16, 9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Parcels	14th 5 p.m. Sat., Apr. 16, 9 a.m. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 14th May.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	Sat., Apr. 16, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kajio Maru	Sun., Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kiangsu	Sun., Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
Formosa and Honolulu	Korea Maru	Mon., Apr. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Hakone Maru	Mon., Apr. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	Tues., Apr. 19, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rhexenor	Tues., Apr. 19, 1.45 p.m. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 19th May.)
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Parcels	10th 5 p.m. Wed., Apr. 20, 9 a.m. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. (Due Vancouver, B.C., 6th May.)
Amoy	Laisang	Tues., Apr. 19, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Aki Maru	Sat., Apr. 23, 8.30 a.m. Registration 8.30 a.m. Letters 9 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 6th May.)

insolvent. Up to the present the liabilities were about \$330,000, and the assets, including bills which had to be collected, were very small.

An accountant said that Ng Min-sau was the master of the bank, and lived at 16 Gage Street, third floor.

His Lordship granted the application.

SHANGHAI POST OFFICE.

NOW THOROUGHLY DISORGANISED.

Letters of just indignation at the disorderliness of the Chinese Post Office reach us daily, says the N. C. Daily News of Saturday. The experiences of those correspondents whose letters we have already printed might be amplified indefinitely—six days for a letter to travel to Soochow; local letters and circulars distributed, after a period of striking, days in advance of the much more important foreign mail; a Chinese Post Office tender lying alongside the Bund, loaded with mail bags, and not more than a third discharged at the end of the whole morning. The fact is that the postal service in Shanghai is thoroughly disorganized or Bolshevized, which is the same thing. The men are insubordinate and idle; they refuse to work after five in the afternoon and, judging by results, their work up till that time is most unsatisfactory; altogether they have

proved themselves the most difficult class of labour to be dealt with, probably because they have been treated better than any others. Meanwhile, the Commissioner, whose position as a Government servant is a peculiar one, preventing him from taking precaution which other employers of industry can take, is practically powerless.

A Suggestion.

There is certainly a very general feeling that this state of affairs cannot be allowed to go on. At any moment another strike might be declared; and, even if it were only a partial one, it is certain the Post Office staff would be the first to go out and, while other services were carried on smoothly enough by emergency staffs, the community would have again to face the serious inconvenience of an indefinite period without letters. In these circumstances, we would urge that attention be given to the suggestion made in these columns a few days ago by "Business Man," namely, that an international post office be organized to receive and despatch the mails. Already it has been shown that the mails can be sent away by amateurs; and although the work of receiving them is more difficult, owing to the large amount of indexed pigeon-holes which would be required, even this should not be an insuperable difficulty if the work of preparation were to be put in hand at once against the outbreak of the next strike. Of course delivery to private houses would be impossible, but foreigners would far rather send for their mail than not get it at all. Meanwhile, the local Communist organization would no doubt make its own arrangements for the delivery of Chinese letters.

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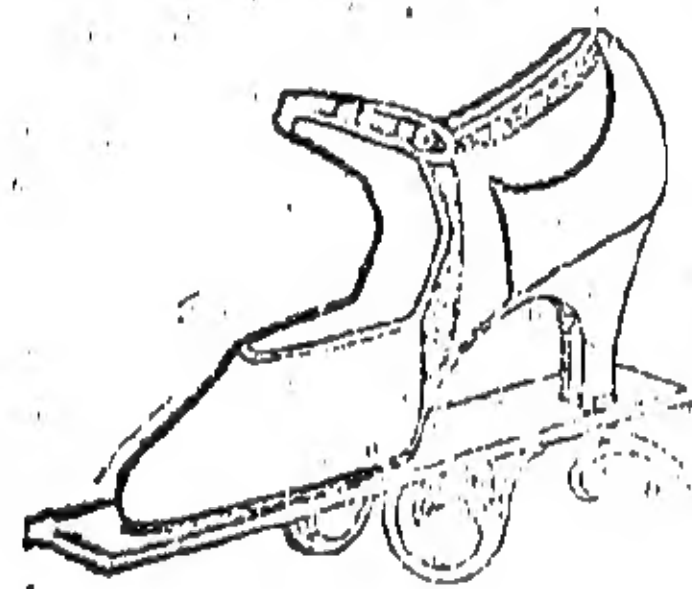
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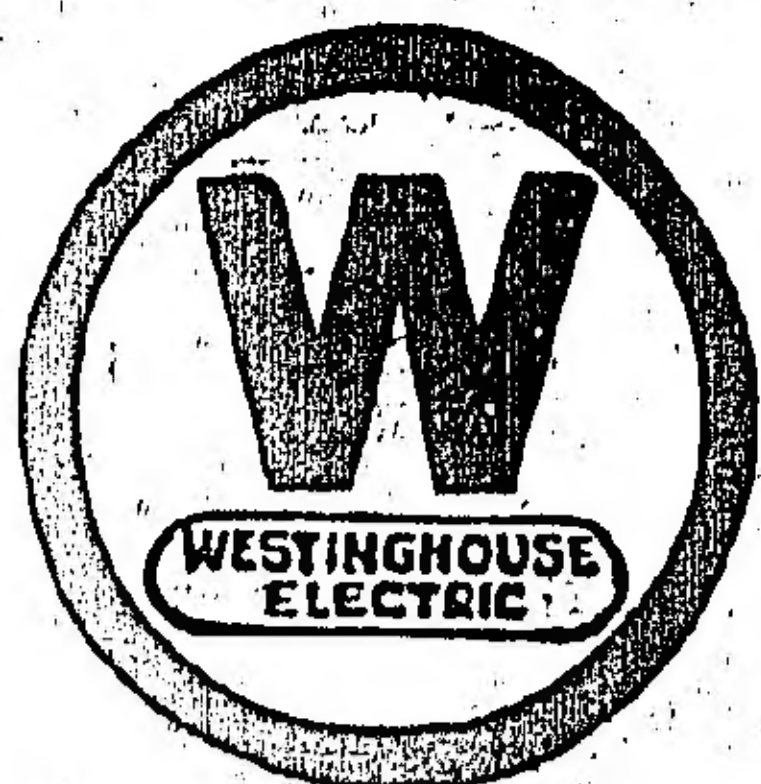
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INTELLIGENCE.

DEBATE AT ST PETER'S
Y. M. CLUB.

St. Peter's Young Men's Club held a debate last night, when the question of whether "intelligence was the result of environment rather than hereditary" exercised the minds of a large number of speakers, some of whom quoted extensively from their knowledge of natural and scientific authorities in support of their arguments.

The proposer of the resolution, Mr. A. E. Lea, depended chiefly on the evolution theory to prove that intelligence was not ingrained in the human being, but rather was acquired in the course of evolution from the lowest forms of life, through the assimilation of the external influences of environment. He singled out the case of two children born of poor parents, who showed marked contrasts in intelligence, when one was introduced into elevating environments and the other left to live the life of the slums. The cases of living British statesmen were also quoted as showing how many of them rose above the station of their parents, being aided by the benefits of a better environment. For the same reason many parents of today, anxious that their offspring should have all the opportunities for a good career, chose the refined atmosphere of the University as the environment of their sons' education.

On the question of hereditary traits, the speakers went on to say that this had nothing to do with the shaping of the mind. Geniuses had been born of parents of great mental stolidity, not to speak of the psychological aspect presented by the case of the criminal kink existing in sons of perfectly respectable and rich families. In other words, parents could not impart their "brains to their sons." They could bequeath wealth and property, but not intelligence, the protagonist of the environment theory added.

The Other Side.

Mr. K. A. A. Toft, while admitting that "money talked" to some purpose; it certainly did not necessarily prove that the individual who had it possessed intelligence. In opposing the motion proposed by Mr. Lea, Mr. Toft said that they were fully aware of the "quality claim" which sprang from the sense of social inferiority and was injurious to that egoism innate in the human being. That, however, did not affect the point that in some of us intelligence was far more developed, and that intelligence was often traced to hereditary. Mr. Toft quoted various authorities in regard to discoveries that had been made of a "germ plasma" and stated that there was more than coincidence, and still less of environment, in the fact that historically great men when their genealogy traced, were found to have descended from ancestors of equal genius.

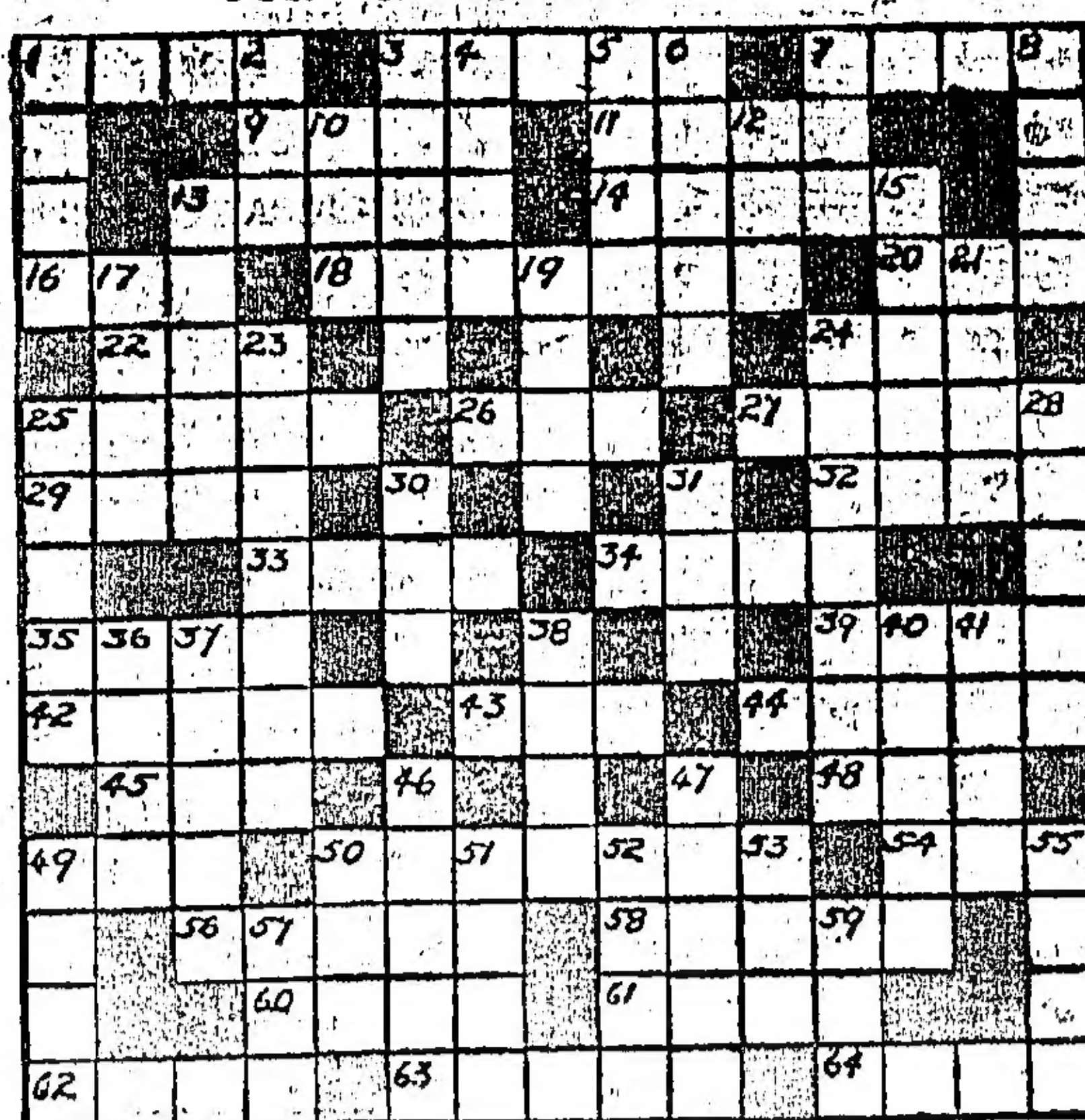
Mr. Geo. Zimmermann, in seconding the theory of environment, said that he had consulted his dictionary to find that the word intelligence was explained as being "quickness of conception." He then consulted his shoemaker and the latter had gone further by describing it as "savvy." Mr. Zimmermann went on to argue that intelligence was acquired.

Another speaker in opposing the motion appealed to the audience if they could visualize "an ass being anything better than an ass if it was placed amongst horses."

At the close of the debate, the motion that intelligence was the result of environment rather than hereditary was defeated by a large majority.

High prices that eggs are claiming in England this year have led many poultrymen to install elaborate systems of artificial sunlight in their coops to increase production. The lights are switched on at 3 o'clock in the morning, making the hens think it is time to be up and laying.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

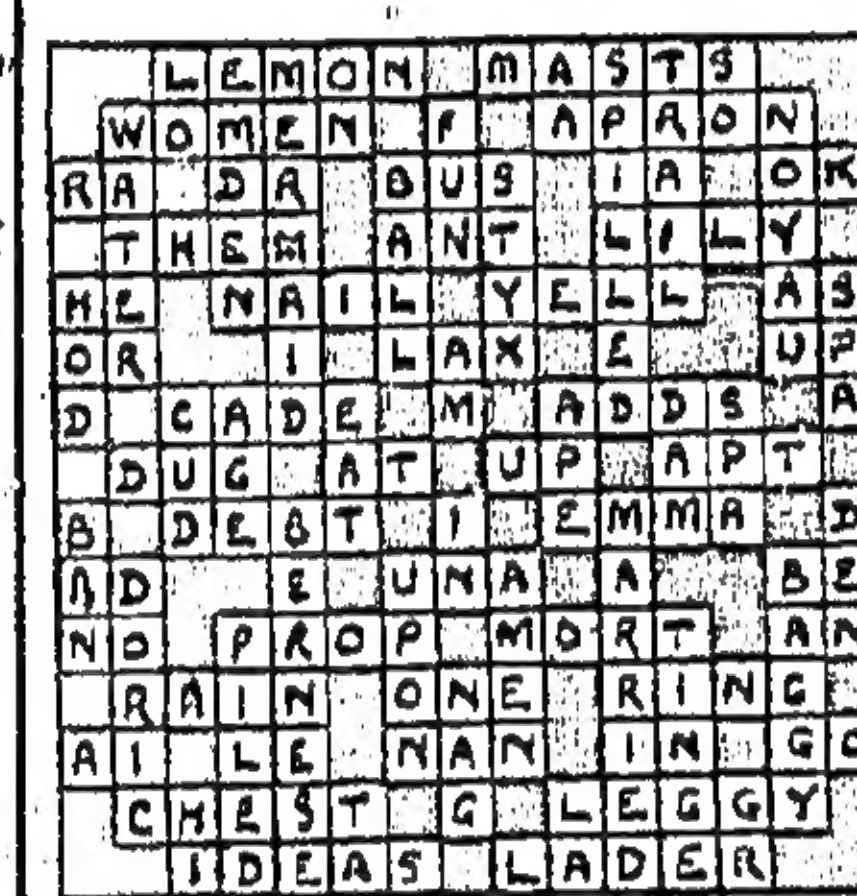
- 1 A chair.
- 2 A Scotch landowner.
- 3 Not odd.
- 4 A square measure.
- 5 A peer.
- 6 A council of ecclesiastics.
- 7 Similar.
- 8 Plan.
- 9 Made secure.
- 10 To tell a falsehood.
- 11 To wipe.
- 12 A shooting flower.
- 13 Head dresses.
- 14 A swing.
- 15 To move to one side.
- 16 To detest.
- 17 A hobbin for thread.
- 18 Pastry.
- 19 A tree.
- 20 A wooden hammer.
- 21 Shatter to a frag.
- 22 To employ with diligence.
- 23 A flying mammal.
- 24 A step over a fence.
- 25 A boy's name (abb.).
- 26 The whole.
- 27 A swing.
- 28 Short narrative poems.
- 29 The organ of seeing.
- 30 To rub out.
- 31 Tied.
- 32 Contain metal.
- 33 An aperture for admission of light.
- 34 A lake.
- 35 An ox.
- 36 A liquor obtained from fruit.

Down.

- 1 Unreal.
- 2 Attempt.
- 3 Rogues.
- 4 Subjoins.
- 5 To raise.
- 6 Valleys.
- 7 Species of the deer-family.
- 8 Title.
- 9 Single.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

- 12 To free.
- 13 A sudden increase of speed.
- 14 Evade.
- 15 A song.
- 16 A single thing.
- 17 Lazy.
- 18 Benches with a heavy mallet.
- 19 A cap worn by ecclesiastics.
- 20 A heavy blow.
- 21 To cut off.
- 22 A sphere.
- 23 Outfit.
- 24 A high pitched male voice.
- 25 A sovereign.
- 26 To lament.
- 27 Lubricated.
- 28 A friend.
- 29 Vessels.
- 30 Scent.
- 31 Hurt.
- 32 An obstruction.
- 33 In case.
- 34 Competent.
- 35 Gives light and heat to earth.
- 36 Other.
- 37 Part of a fish.
- 38 Fresh.

BILLY MERSON TO
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COMMISSION.

Many people who had enjoyed the performance of Billy Mereson as Hard-boiled Herman in "Rose Marie" flocked to the Law Courts, London, to watch him in another role, that of defendant in a law suit. Mr. Mereson was sued by Mr. Ernest Edelsten, a theatrical and variety agent, who claimed commission on the salary he received while playing in "Rose Marie." Mr. Edelsten claimed £670, 13s. in respect of commission, alleging that he entered into an oral agreement with Mr. Mereson on January 15, 1925, under which defendant agreed to pay him a commission of 5 per cent on consideration of Mr. Edelsten securing the part of Hard-boiled Herman for Mr. Mereson. The engagement was secured after negotiations with Mr. Lee Ephraim.

Mr. Mereson denied that the plaintiff was his agent, and alleged that he obtained the engagement as the result of personal negotiations with Mr. Ephraim. The case was tried in the Chancery Division before Mr. Justice Russell.

Sir Alfred Butt's Evidence.
Sir Alfred Butt, M.P., chairman and managing director of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, said plaintiff took no part in the nego-

GROUNDED TJILIBOET.

WORK OF EXAMINATION
PROCEEDING.

It was learnt from the local agents of the J. C. J. L. yesterday that the examination of the grounded Tjiliboet was proceeding satisfactorily, the continuance of good weather allowing divers and salvors to work without interruption.

As yet it is impossible to issue a statement with regard to the probable date of the refloating of the Tjiliboet, but that salvage will be completed is now fairly certain, the time taken being mainly dependent upon conditions on the spot.

His Lordship said that he accepted the plaintiff's account of what had taken place. It fitted in with the correspondence in the case and also with the pleadings.

The defendant's account in some respects conflicted with the letter his own solicitor wrote just before the action was begun, and conflicted with his evidence.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff for £670, 13s., the agreed amount of the claim with costs.

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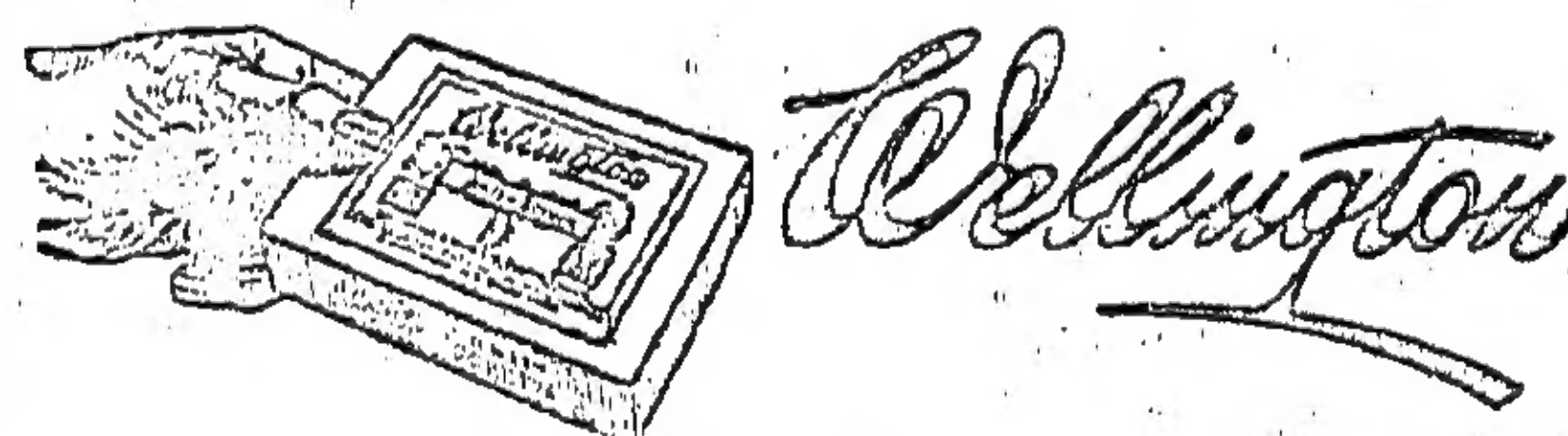
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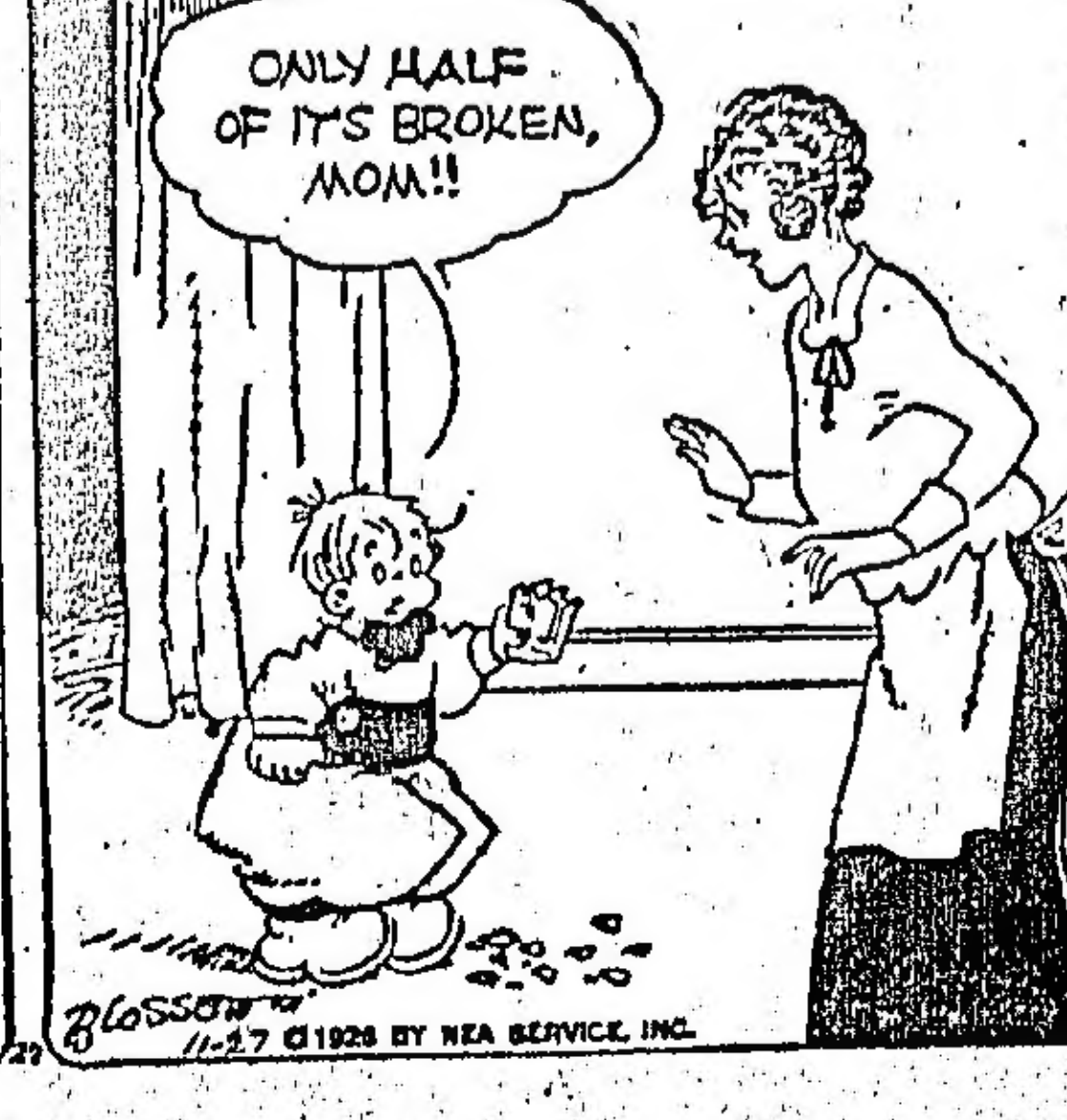
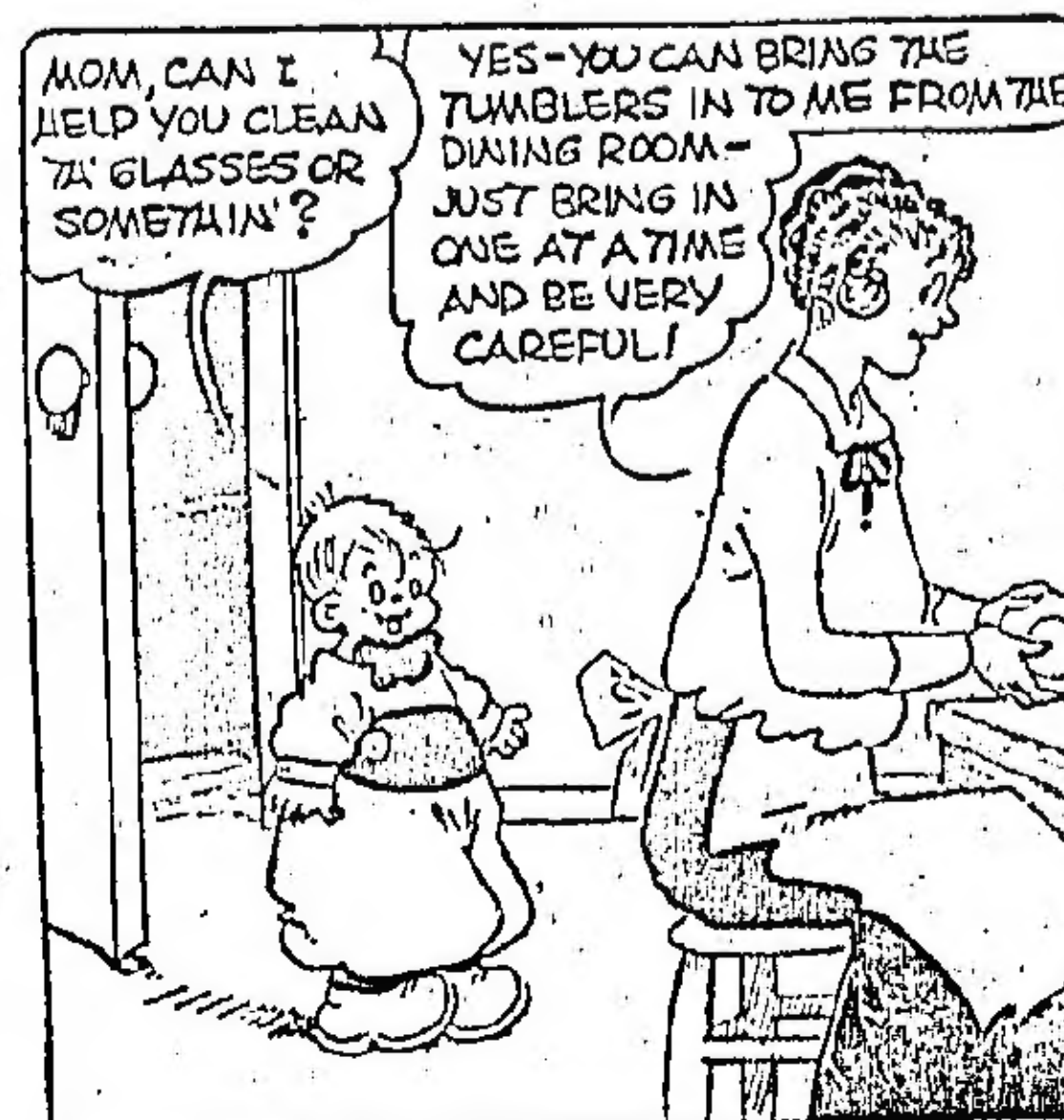
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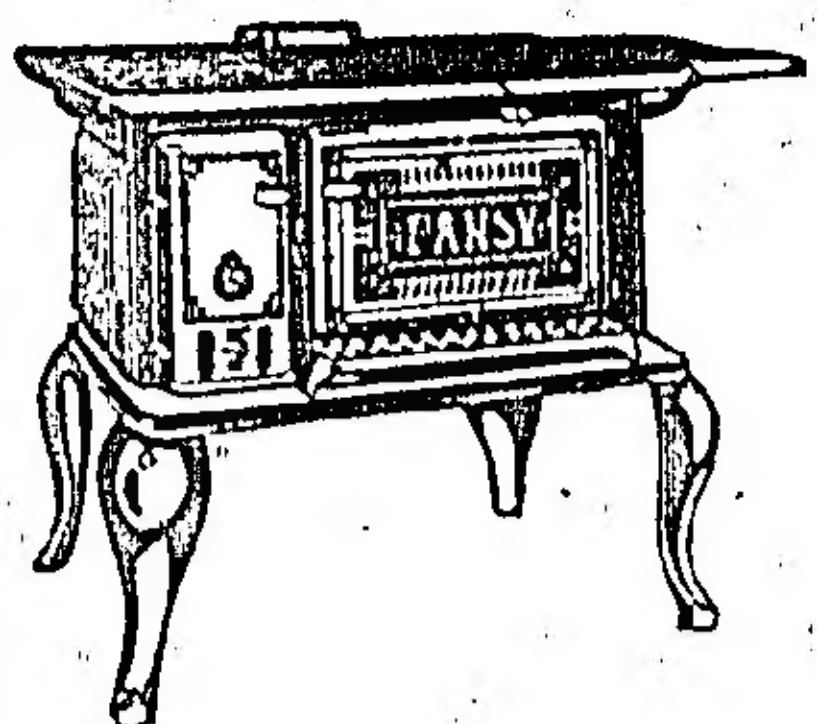
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COMPROMISE BUDGET.

The optimism of Mr. Winston Churchill when he introduced Britain's Budget in April last year was, unfortunately, not justified. That was mainly because of the disastrous seven months' coal strike and the failure of certain big industries, like cotton, engineering and shipbuilding, to revive as was expected. But in spite of the Chancellor's uninspiring experience of the past year and of the previous year, he insists on being an optimist and, in his Budget speech delivered to the House of Commons on Monday, makes light of the fact that the financial year just closed has resulted in a deficit of £36,500,000. Time was when a Chancellor of the Exchequer budgeted fairly close as between expected expenditure and income but always found himself with a margin on the right side owing to what is known as the "natural buoyancy" of the public income. Income has generally been higher than the estimates, but, under Mr. Winston Churchill, we now seem to have reached a point at which it is to be expected that there will be a deficit. It really means that Mr. Churchill is banking on hopes of a future improvement in the country's prosperity to make the present basis of income and expenditure come out on the right side. Last year the Income Tax fell to a figure £12,000,000 below the estimate and the Chancellor expects there will be a further drop of over £20,000,000 from this source this year. He refuses to revise his estimate that the Betting Tax in a full year will bring in £6,000,000, and he introduces a Budget in which the estimated expenditure is put at over £21,000,000 more than the revenue. In view of the virtual disappearance of what has been the sheet anchor of former Chancellors—the "national buoyancy" of Britain's public income—we cannot resist the conclusion that Mr. Winston Churchill is unduly optimistic and will find himself faced with another large real deficit next April. That is on the assumption that 1927 does not witness the long-hoped-for world trade "boom," which is an assumption fully justified by the experiences of the first third of the year.

For the ordinary man at home—the folk who leave the high

finance of the country to the experts and hope that it will all be managed without too much personal expense—Mr. Churchill's 1927 Budget is not a very fearsome thing. There are some Departmental economies which will mean little apart from the civil servants actually effected, but there are some new taxes and no reductions of existing ones. The Government has got in a little more of its "protection" and "Imperial preference" policy by taxing foreign imported crockery and pottery, foreign-made tyres and by giving a preference to Empire products regarding increased wine duties. This will undoubtedly give rise to differences of opinion, and there will surely be an outcry by growers against their being called upon to pay a further £3,500,000 in taxation. Tobacco is a luxury, perhaps, but it is by no means lightly taxed at present. And the motorists of the country will be well up in arms over the hypothecation of the £12,000,000 standing to the credit of the Road Fund and also the extra taxation on foreign tyres. The former will be regarded as the unfair taking of money which ought to be spent on improving existing roads and making new arterial ones, and the tax on foreign tyres will remove what is considered as a much-needed competition with the prices of the home-made article. The extra cost of matches will be resented by housewives who think that 1d. per box for matches of fair quality is quite high enough. The Budget is not marked by any very conspicuous statesmanship, though there is a bright spot in the fact that the Government has not asked for a "cut" in the exchequer contributions on "account of education, health and local government. Regarding education, Lord Eustace Percy has already shown himself as a niggardly President of the Board of Education, and any further "economies" would rightly be resented by the whole country. Perhaps Mr. Churchill has been clever after all—he has got out of a difficult situation by several little wriggles that will not seriously endanger the Government's reputation even though they do give rise to some minor protests.

Nanking Demands.

The much-discussed Nanking Note has been presented, and is the considered demand of Britain, America, Japan, France and Italy. In that, it gains much weight, and should duly impress the Nationalist Government. It is the first joint action by the Powers in China for a good many years. Otherwise, it leaves one somewhat in the dark as to the intentions of the Governments concerned, in the event of non-compliance with the demands for reparation. Also, the reparation terms are not specified. From the cabled version it does not appear that any fixed sum has been arrived at in the way of an indemnity. This shows the fairness of the demand—it is not a punitive exaction that is sought, but individual sufferers will apparently be left to send in their separate claims through their Consular representatives. This raises many questions. In the case of women who were outraged, for instance, it is doubtful whether any more will be heard of the matter, through natural horror of publicity. Whether the reparation demands are adequately provided for is, indeed, a moot point. Possibly it will be found in the end that a general estimate, put in round figures, and made a specific part of a subsequent communication, will be better than the uncertainty at present prevailing. As matters stand, it is evident that the final Note is largely modified in comparison with what it must originally have been. The greatest sufferers were the British and Americans, the Japanese coming a close third. Britain is, perhaps, in the best position to assert her intention to exact compensation. But the main point, besides the definite requirement that the Nationalists practically acknowledge their fault and liability, is that the Powers have acted in concert. An earlier news message, possibly with official inspiration, suggested that the Nationalists will not desire to test the ability of the

DAY BY DAY.

I AM QUITE AS MUCH AT A LOSS AS ANYONE ELSE TO SAY WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF LIFE, BUT I DO NOT FEEL ANY DOUBT THAT WE ARE NOT SENT INTO THE WORLD TO BE IN A RUSS.—A. C. Benson.

The weather forecast up till noon to-morrow is: "South wind, moderate; squally, showery."

The P. and O. s.s. Khiva, with the outward English mails, left Singapore yesterday morning and is due here on Saturday evening.

The Empress of Russia which left here for Manila yesterday morning will leave there on Thursday evening and is due to arrive in Hongkong on Saturday morning.

A Chinese was frustrated in an attempt to commit suicide by hanging himself from a tree in Blake Gardens, yesterday. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

The P. and O. s.s. Nellora, with the outward mails, is due to arrive here from Singapore to-morrow morning. The same Company's s.s. Devanha, from Shanghai, is due here on Friday morning.

The Harbour Office will be closed all day on Friday. The Entrance and Clearance Office will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday and Monday, and the Junk Office from 11 a.m. to noon on the same days.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports, gave 14 arrivals and the same number of departures, the British share being seven and four, respectively, leaving 63 vessels in harbour of which 23 were British.

While collecting firewood yesterday at the Old Fire Station, where structural changes are being carried out, a Chinese boy was hit by falling timber and injured rather seriously in the head. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A Vocal and Instrumental Recital will be given in St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday evening, at 9.15 o'clock. The Soloists are Mrs. R. Sanger (Soprano), Mrs. G. E. Aubrey (Violin), Mr. A. P. Glanville (Bass), assisted by members of the Cathedral Choir. A collection will be made for the Organ Fund.—Advt.

signatories to carry out their punitive intentions. It is to be hoped that a peaceful conclusion to the incident will be arrived at; and meanwhile the Chinese would do well to ponder this new sign of foreign unity.

Women Voters.

The announcement made in a cable published elsewhere in this issue, that the franchise is shortly to be extended to all adult women without any distinction, thus bringing them on a footing with men voters, marks the culmination of the campaign which started with the suffragettes, and, after years of turmoil, crystallised in the Representation of the People Act of 1918. By this reform there were various concessions made, including extension of the franchise to youths of 19 and over who were on war service. But the main alteration to the voting machinery was the extension of the right to vote to women, subject to restrictions. These, briefly, are as follows: A woman has to be thirty years of age, must be entitled to be registered as a Local Government elector for the occupation of land or premises of £5 yearly value, or of a dwelling house, or is the wife of a husband who is entitled to be so registered. A woman is also entitled to be registered as a Parliamentary voter for a University constituency if she is of the required age and has been admitted to a degree, or has passed the final examination and followed the conditions required of a woman by such University which did not, at the time the examination was passed, admit women to degrees. Men merely require to have a residential qualification of six months, and be 21 years of age, or hold landed property of £10 annual value, for business purposes, for six months, or to have qualified at a University, by obtaining a degree, as a voter for the University constituency. The extension of the franchise to women in 1918 brought no fewer than 6,000,000 women into the electorate, some five million qualifying as wives of electors. The reduction of the age qualification by nine years, as well as removal of other restrictions, will mean the addition of several million more. The women voters played a very large part in recent elections, and the new reform, if passed, is of great importance in British political life.

"SPOOKS" OF STATUE SQUARE.

LADY WRAITH ENTERS THE LISTS.

RATHER SOLID STICK.

Attempts by a *Telegraph* reporter to lay the well-dressed European "ghost" of Statue Square, who, according to a correspondent in a contemporary this morning, has developed the deplorable habit of riding in rickshaws to deceive his victims, and of "desperately" and "fanatically" chasing them with a huge stick, have so far met with little success.

There appears to be some doubt as to the constitution of the "apparition" which disappeared with the approach of an officer of the law, but the Chinese gentleman who had a similar experience on Sunday night, is, we understand, prepared to testify as to the solidity of the stick which the miscreant carried.

No Spiritual Manifestation.

In interviews with prominent members of the Hongkong Club it was gathered that as far as they were aware there had been no spiritual manifestations in the immediate neighbourhood though our enquiries served to remind one of another "ghost" case in Statue Square which occurred not very long ago.

For some reason or other a gentleman had adopted the remarkable practice of holding nightly conversations with each of the statues in turn. Everything went well until one night, when engaged in lively repartee with King Edward, the statue said "Better go home, Sahib". The gentleman in question hurriedly departed, but subsequently it was discovered that the "ghost" was a large Sikh policeman standing in the shadows.

Lady Who Cries.

A letter received by us this morning, reveals another Statue Square wraith, a lady who cries. The letter is appended:—

Sir,—I was interested to read in a contemporary this morning of what are believed to be ghostly happenings in Statue Square, and the incidents referred to call to mind a story, which I am reliably informed, is going the rounds among the Chinese of the Colony. The story centres more particularly round Queen Victoria's statue, at which spot a woman is said to have been heard crying every night recently, although, I am informed, no distressed lady has actually been discovered. The interpretation put upon the incident by the Chinese is curious, and to those inclined to be superstitious, somewhat serious. It is that the sounds emanate from the ghost or spirit of the late Queen Victoria, whose cries signify that the British Empire is breaking up.

Another interpretation is that the cries can be taken as an omen of much more serious trouble in China, in which the British will be particularly concerned.

For myself I do not put any faith in the cries themselves, and certainly not on the interpretations, and am more inclined to think that someone had had "one over the eight" and was suffering from enlivened imagination. I think, however, the story is sufficiently interesting to pass on to the public.—Yours, etc.,

GAMMON.

Hongkong, April 13th, 1927.

ARMS ON JUNK.

A FINE OF \$150.

A charge of unlawful possession of one rifle and 62 rounds of rifle ammunition, and one revolver with 26 rounds of corresponding ammunition, was brought against the master of a trading junk before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Loseby represented the defendant. Inspector Spear asked for permission to withdraw the charge in respect of the rifle and 62 rounds of ammunition, which, he said, the defendant was authorised to carry. Mr. Loseby pleaded not guilty to the charge of possession of the revolver and 26 rounds of ammunition.

In evidence, Sergeant Goldsmith said that on searching the defendant's junk he found the rifle concealed under a plank which was nailed to the bottom of the junk. In a recess in the plank the revolver and ammunition were found.

Mr. Loseby submitted that the defendant had only committed a technical offence by not having the revolver and 26 rounds of ammunition entered on his licence. Mr. Loseby pointed out that the defendant had hidden the arms for which he had permission as well as the revolver for which he had no permit.

His Worship admitted that that was a point in the defendant's favour. A fine of \$150 was imposed.

The Very Idea!

Her headgear consisted of a bowl-like foundation from which protruded huge feathers. She was deeply interested in the film, when she felt someone tugging at her hat from behind.

"Does my hat annoy you?" she asked loftily.

"No, ma'am," replied the young man behind her.

A few minutes later, fearing she had been ungracious, she again turned. "Perhaps my feathers interfere with your view?" she suggested more amiably.

"Oh, no, thank you—not now," came the bland reply. "I've bent them back!"

"I ask a simple question. 'Tis only truth I wish. Are all fishermen liars, Or do only liars fish?"

Mme. Erzel Pechy, the Hungarian singer, has dropped the action which she had taken against Daly's Theatre for £5,000 damages for injury to her reputation by the cancellation of her engagement for "The Blue Mazurka," on the ground that her foreign accent was a handicap to the show.

She says she has been more than compensated by the wonderful reception given her at the London Coliseum.

A motor driver admitted at Shoreditch that he skidded in the road, but declared that he was going at a snail's pace. Barrister: Although you were going at this funeral pace you managed to do the Charleston? Driver: Everybody's doing it.

Judge Cluer at Shoreditch: She is a gem among women who does not reply when spoken to harshly by her husband.

Hackney landlord: He was broadcasting bad language from the window, and I was one of the listeners-in.

Husband at West Ham: My wife is swearing my life away. Magistrate: It is not quite so bad as that. You will not have your head off like a Chinese striker.

Lambeth woman: Three years ago I was practically dead. Mr. Roath (magistrate): Has there been a resurrection?

Schoolboy "Howlers":—Much butter is imported from Denmark because Danish cows have greater enterprise and superior technical education to ours.

The flannelletto peril means pettish government.

An abstract noun is something you can't see when you are looking at it.

After twice committing suicide Cowper lived till 1800, when he died a natural death.

Dr. Howard M. Cooper, addressing Rutherford (New Jersey) Rotary Club, gave six rules on "How To Be Ill":—

- (1) Eat plenty of starches, become fat, and look prosperous;
- (2) Treat your body like your motorcar;
- (3) Wear a tight hat, which will collect "andruff" and make you bald;
- (4) Buy cheap eyeglasses;
- (5) Drink plenty of coffee, and if it gives you nerves drink more, and then you won't have any;
- (6) Drink no water, avoid vegetables, and never sleep eight hours.

The sea is a fine calling but a hazardous one.—Prince George. Bishops are a decent, law-abiding class.—The Archbishop of York.

The more we stand together the better we shall be.—Col. Walter Guinness, M.P.

The alternative to disarmament and the abolition of war is the death of civilisation.—Lord Oxford.

I don't mind being criticised because I feel that when everybody agrees with you you must be wrong.—Sir Walter Gilbey.

Visitor (at private hospital)—"Can I see Mr. Smith, please?" Matron—"We do not allow ordinary visiting. May I ask if you're a relative?"

Visitor (boldly)—"Oh, yes! I'm his sister." Matron—"Dear me! I'm very glad to meet you. I'm his mother."

"Mussolini," says a report, "is about to publish a book called by the curious title, 'Nothing is True, but Everything is Allowed.'"

Now, if he would only call it, "Nothing is True, but Everything is Allowed," we should expect a book of modern memoirs.

The case in which the manager of a distillery in the New Territories is being charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy on various counts of violation of the Ordinance, was again resumed yesterday when further evidence was given by the prosecution. Mr. M. K. Lo is appearing for the defence.

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POLICE "ROUND-UP."

RAID ON WEST END
GAMBLERS.

During the early hours of a recent Sunday morning police officers in motor cars made a swift descent on a London West End mansion, where, it is alleged, gambling was taking place.

The police dashed into a room where there were several men and women in evening dress, and after being questioned they were all taken to the police station.

The sequel was heard at Westminster Police Court, when Gilbert Myers, club proprietor, Gloucester Road, South Kensington; Dave Jardine Phillips, broker, Oxford Terrace, Paddington; Frances Louisa Dawson, Grosvenor Crescent; Albert Billingsley, porter, Portland Road, Kensington; and Carlos Avemides, film actor, were charged with being concerned in keeping and managing the premises, a house in Grosvenor Crescent, as a gambling house.

Myers and Phillips were fined £100 each and £5 costs, Mrs. Dawson and Avemides £75 each and costs, and Billingsley was fined £10.

Twelve frequenters were bound over in the sum of £10 each not to frequent gambling-house for three years.

Chemin de Fer.

Mr. Barker, prosecuting, told the story of the raid, and said the library on the ground floor of the building was used as a cloak-room. In a large dining-room at the rear twelve persons were found sitting round a table covered with a white linen cloth, playing *chemin de fer*. The shoe was in possession of Myers, and Avemides was acting as croupier. There were counters on the table representing £334.

Myers said, "We are caught. We will play the game. Phillips and I are responsible for the place. We run, fifty-fifty."

Mrs. Dawson, occupier and owner of the house, was in bed at the time. She was sent for. When she arrived she said, "Surely I am not responsible. I only let the rooms. When Major Myers and Captain Phillips took the place they promised they were only going to play bridge."

Phillips said, "It is no use crying over spilt milk. I will accept responsibility."

The police found 210 counters representing £615, 10s. 0d. There was also a quantity of whisky, brandy, gin and lager.

Let Out for Parties.

Cross-examined by Mr. Palmer for Mrs. Dawson, Superintendent Crayford said he did not suggest that Mrs. Dawson had anything to do with the play.

Mr. Palmer told the Magistrate (Mr. Boyd) that Mrs. Dawson took this house and let it out in suites of apartments. The large dining-room did belong to her but very often the tenants asked her to let it out for dinner parties. Phillips and Myers had a partnership in a bridge club and told Mrs. Dawson that they wanted to have bridge parties, and as far as she knew they were only playing bridge.

Mr. Boyd said he did not think it was possible for this sort of thing to go on without Mrs. Dawson's knowledge.

CHAMBERLAIN
STATUE.

SCULPTOR SUGGESTS
FURTHER DARKENING.

Certain changes have been suggested in regard to the statue of the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, which was recently unveiled in the Members' Lobby of the House of Commons.

Sir H. Brittain (C. Acton) put a question on the subject in the House to Capt. Hacking as representing the First Commissioner of Works. He asked whether the latter had considered making any alteration in the elevation or site of the statue.

Captain Hacking—The answer is in the negative. The statue was designed for the plinth on which it stands, and it does not seem practicable to alter the plinth for this particular statue.

Sir H. Brittain—Had the artist an opportunity of seeing the statue in position before it was unveiled?

Captain Hacking—No, sir. It is perhaps fair to the sculptor to say that he had not the opportunity through indisposition of seeing the statue in its present position before it was unveiled. He only saw it two days ago, and at his request the statue has been darkened, and it will be again darkened in a day or two. I will ask hon. members to reserve further criticism until they see the effect.

Workmen (writes the Political Correspondent of the *Morning Post*) applied a wash of coffee to the statue. Another application will be necessary, but already the statue is slightly more in keeping with the age-darkened stone-work of the Lobby.

PLAYING WITH
POISON.

TUBES PICKED UP BY
CHILDREN.

While in transit to the London Hospital last month, 240 tubes containing a dangerous poison were missed from a van.

Scotland Yard later, issued the following message:—"Missing, 15th March, from a van in transit to the London Hospital, 240 tubes of novarsenobillon, in 24 cartons, 10 tubes in each, wrapped in brown paper in boxes, labelled 'poison', addressed to the Dispensary, London Hospital. This is a dangerous drug. Will any person finding same please communicate with the nearest police station?"

The police were at once informed, and a search throughout the district was made. Later in the afternoon, 170 tubes were found in a park at Stepney.

Containing Arsenic.

The tubes were about two inches in length and a quarter of an inch in diameter. The drug was in the form of a yellow powder, and contained rather a heavy proportion of arsenic.

The night medical superintendent of the London Hospital said it would be dangerous if anyone got it on the hands near a cut or on the lips.

The majority of the tubes had been picked up by children, who carried them into side streets off the Whitechapel Road and were found playing with them. Only three were broken.

The vanman discovered the loss of the tubes when he stopped on his journey to the hospital to deliver other goods. He reported the loss to Shadwell Police Station.

Meanwhile a policeman had noticed some children playing with the tubes. All the police stations between Shadwell and the hospital were notified.

Small Quantity Fatal.

A search in other side streets followed, and many more tubes were found being used as playthings by children. Others had evidently been picked up and thrown away again.

Novarsenobillon is a synthetic compound of arsenic used in certain tropical and other diseases, a doctor told the *Westminster Gazette*.

Even under medical supervision, it has to be administered with the greatest care, and patients are usually started on very small doses, which are increased by degrees.

Quite a small quantity would be fatal to anyone unused to the drug, and the colossal amount contained in 240 tubes would be sufficient to kill many people.

The following day, a message was broadcast from 2LO stating that 64 tubes were still missing, and warning the public that the drug is a dangerous one.

"PLUS FOURS."

ONLY TAILOR'S TERM, NO
GOLF MEANING.

Here is good—or is it bad?—news for the golf type, the hopeful who glides into the rough at the first and never sees the fairway again, until he goes back to the clubhouse and says:—"The caddy can wear 'plus-fours.'"

The tailors say so; and so do the real golfers.

The tailors object very much to the identification of golfing ability with the picturesque garb because it tends to restrict the wearing of what they declare is a very excellent garment.

Thus Mr. James Weddell, president of the National Federation of Merchant Tailors, speaking at Brighton, declared that "plus-fours" were a most comfortable attire for the motorist, the rambler and the devotee of other outdoor pursuits, and he was certain they would see a greater number of men wearing the suit in the future.

A well-known golfer was equally emphatic, and incidentally revealed a surprising fact, of which tailors themselves are usually ignorant.

"Plus-four" has nothing to do with bogey. It is a trade term. It refers simply to the four inches of "overlap" which tailors decided to be the correct style for this garment.

"Minus 18's."

On a suggestion that another name should be provided as a substitute for "plus-fours," the following were proposed by London tailors:—"What-Whats," "Minus 18's," "Demi-Brooks," "Double-Eights," "Camel-Boots," "Knicks," "Knacks," and "St. Andrews Bags."

Most of the tailors, however, were stumped when asked yesterday to suggest a new term.

"Plus-fours" will, "take some beating," said one. "It is short and snappy and it has caught on with the public. The difficulty is that the average man would decline to ask for anything that suggested the ridiculous. He would probably say: 'I want a suit of

FASCIST'S SWORD.

COLONEL FINED FOR
ASSAULT.

A dramatic scene at the National Fascists' headquarters in Hogarth Place, Kensington, was described at Westminster Police Court. The chief of the organisation, Lieut.-Colonel Henry Rippon Seymour, who said he unhooked an old sword from the wall, was charged with assaulting Giles Edvard Eyre by presenting a Colt revolver at him, and, further, with being in possession of the weapon and cartridges without a certificate.

Eyre, an interpreter and traveller, of Richmond Crescent, King's Cross, London, gave evidence that he and some other men called at the headquarters as a deputation to demand to see the balance-sheet. When they reached the top of the stairs they found Colonel Seymour standing in the doorway with a sword in his hand. As soon as he saw them he rushed to the inner office, and taking a Colt revolver from a drawer, pointed it at witnesses, and said, "Eyre, if you enter the room, I will shoot."

Colonel Seymour produced another Colt revolver from his desk, and said, "It is loaded, and I shall use it. If you like, I will fire a shot into the courtyard to show it is loaded."

In the meantime a police sergeant had been fetched, and at Colonel Seymour's request the sergeant told Eyre and his friends to leave the premises. They did so, and went to the police station, where Eyre lodged a complaint. He returned to the headquarters with a police inspector, who searched the premises.

The Colonel's Evidence.

Replying to Colonel Seymour, witnesses denied they entered the premises by force and that they had anything to do with a letter threatening to smash up the place.

Other evidence was given that when the Colt automatic pistol was found by a police inspector Colonel Seymour said, "Yes, that is what I presented at them, but it is not loaded."

Colonel Seymour, in the witness-box, said he heard a scuffle and a cry. He unhooked an old sword from the wall and went to the door of the outer office, where he saw a party of men coming along. He stepped back into the office and took from a drawer a Colt automatic pistol which belonged to his assistant secretary, who held a licence for it.

It was not loaded, but as the party entered he pointed it at Eyre and said he would shoot the first man who came within a yard of him. He sat at a desk with the pistol beside him and kept the men quiet by conversation until the police sergeant arrived.

Colonel Seymour declared that admittance was gained by force and stratagem.

Mr. Marshall—Why did you think it necessary to produce the pistol?

Colonel Seymour—I had received letters threatening that the place would be stormed and smashed up. I was one against a number.

Refused a Licence.

Mr. Marshall—No one, as a fact, did threaten personal violence to you?—No, but I had been forewarned that they would come by night, and they had used violence to my secretary to gain admittance.

Victor Barker, assistant secretary, said he was pushed on one side and he was struck on the arm with a stick by Eyre. The pistol belonged to witness.

Inspector Bridden stated that the Commissioner of Police had refused to grant the Colonel a licence for firearms, and had decided that members of the National Fascists did not require to carry firearms for the purposes of their propaganda.

Mr. Marshall (the Magistrate) said he was satisfied the pistol did not belong to the Colonel, and the charge of keeping it without a licence would be dismissed. On the charge of assault he fined the Colonel £5 or one month.

these new—or-plus-four things, you know."

Mr. Denis Bradley, of Bond Street, said:

"As they are associated with golf, why not have something that also suggests the game—minus 18's—for instance? That would be appropriate in the case of many golfers who are plus-fours in garments only."

The American word "pants," which covers all varieties of masculine netter garments as worn in the United States, was turned down as being "too music-hally."

"I think the only language which can supply a variant, if one is demanded, is the Scots dialect," said one tailor. "They call them 'baggy-brooks' up there, when they want to be discourteous. St. Andrews' Bags might meet the occasion. The Scots have invented the haggis. A little thing like plus-fours should not balk them."

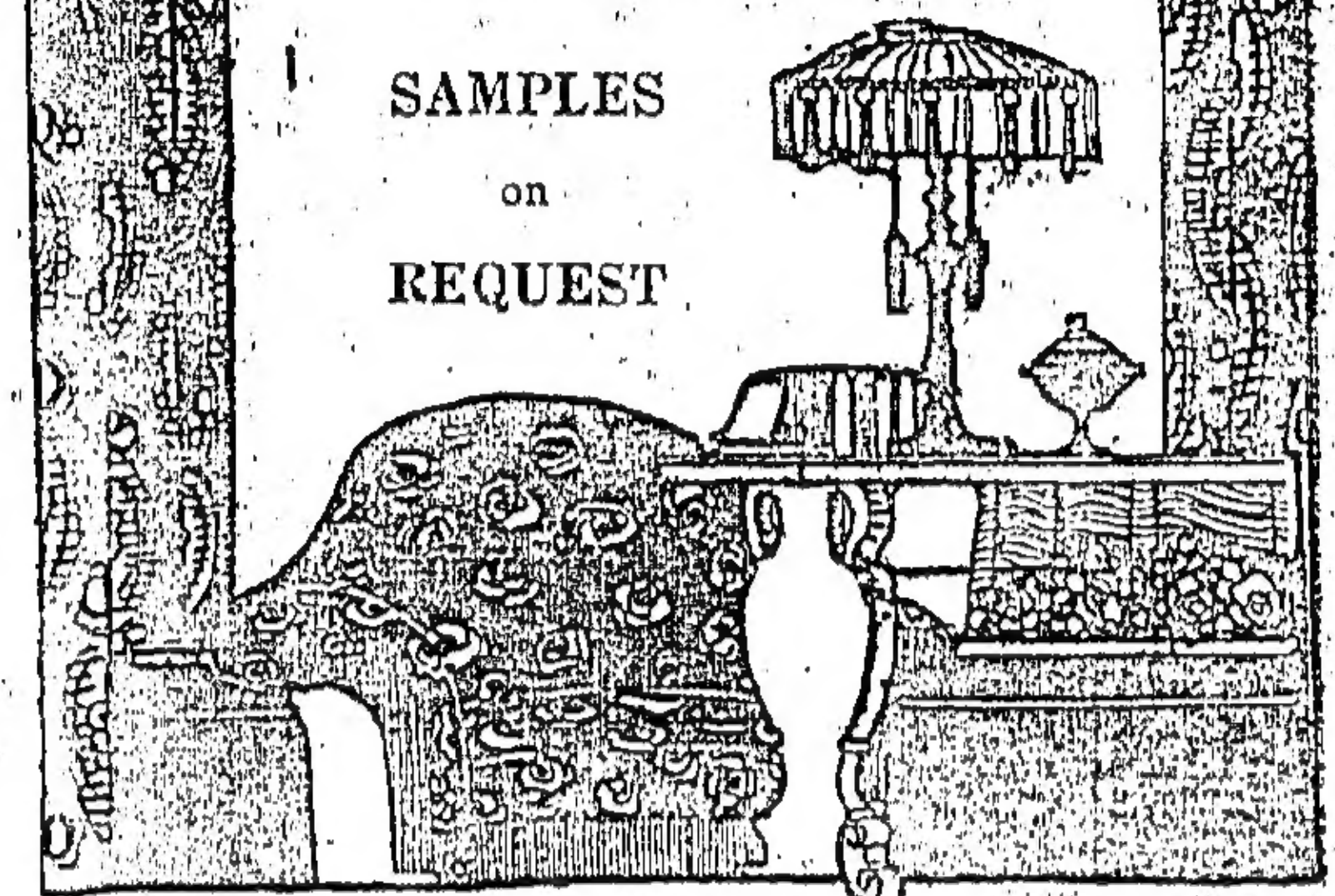
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THE WORLD OF SPORT



CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs."]

No progress was made in the local cricket League last week. Apart from the fact that play would have been impossible on account of the rain, there were no matches down for decision, although there are still nine clubs in both divisions that have not yet completed their fixtures. There is very little sign of any effort being made to play off postponed matches and it looks as if quite a few games will be abandoned.

Now that the interport with Shanghai is definitely off, and that in a week or two summer sports will be in full swing, this will be the last appearance of my notes for the season.

In last Wednesday's issue, I summed up the records of the five teams in the Senior Division that have completed their fixtures, and will now turn my attention to the Junior League.

The Indian R.C. 2nd XI, League champions, have claimed six victories, suffered one defeat, the remaining two matches having been drawn. They have been playing consistently well throughout the season, and have shown a marked improvement in their batting. Perhaps one of their most reliable players has been A. S. Saffied, a lad just out of school. Saffied has met with great success as a bowler and is developing into a sound bat.

Varsity 2nd XI started their season in an unconvincing manner, and at the end of January, after having played six matches, had only three wins to their credit. Towards the end, they brought off two victories and unexpectedly jumped to the runners-up berth.

The Police R.C., on the whole, went through quite a successful season, although it was generally expected that they would finish nearer the top than the third position they are now occupying. Lacey and Alexander, quite the best pair of bowlers in the Junior League, bore the brunt of their attack, the latter being also a dependable run-getter.

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps can well feel satisfied with their record of five wins and an aggregate of 15 points. They are now in the fourth position but there is a chance of their being ousted by the Recreation, who are two points behind, with a match in hand.

The Royal Navy 2nd XI did not do so well as was expected of them, but their play has certainly been of a higher standard than their lowly position in the League might lead one to suppose. Like their senior XI, they had to make frequent changes in their side which probably accounts for the rather fluctuating season that they had as they went down to a weakish team like Civil Service 2nd, but trounced the Police.

H.M.S. "Tamar" had a poor season, having lost six matches and won three. They can, however, feel pleased with their victories over two of the strongest sides—Indian R.C. 2nd and Kowloon C. 2nd.

YACHTING.

LA CIGALE WINS U AND I CUP.

The U. and I Cup, presented by Mr. T. S. Rouse, who won the cruiser championship this year, has been won by La Cigale, the scratch boat of the fleet. The course was from the Club to Tathong Rock (P), mark on Club line (S), Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rock (S), and finish at the Club, a distance of 18.75 miles.

Conquiste, the runner-up to U. and I. in the championship, was eight minutes behind La Cigale on corrected time, with Norseman third. Details follow:

Time
Finishing Corrected
La Cigale 2.42.44 2.42.44
Conquiste 3.14.06 2.50.39
Norseman 3.23.44 2.54.03
Queen Bee 4.33.11 3.56.41
Isis 4.51.37 4.00.04
Feathers did not finish

LOCAL HOCKEY.

A WIN FOR UNIVERSITY.

Playing on their own ground on Monday, the University Hockey Club met a team from the Cameronian Regt. and defeated the visitors by six goals to two.

LOCAL TENNIS.

HONDA IN GOOD FORM

In the Open Doubles of the Tennis Tournament yesterday, Honda and Akiyama defeated S.E. Green and W. Hyde in straight sets, when Honda played one of his best all round games in the Tournament. He placed the balls with an easy accuracy which appeared to cause him no effort, and his play was often brilliant. The Kowloon pair put up a good fight, and forced the second set to fourteen games, but the first and third went fairly easily to the Japanese.

In the Open Singles Yew Man-tsun, succumbed to J. W. Leonard, the latter showing the better form, while Yew was erratic.

The full list of results follows:

Open Singles: J. W. Leonard beat Yew Man-tsun, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Open Doubles: T. Honda and H. Akiyama beat S. E. Green and W. Hyde, 6-2, 8-6, 6-3.

Club Championship: W. B. Cornaby beat G. Miskin, 7-5, 6-2, 6-2; L. Forster beat R. G. Wilkerson, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles: E. Grimble and H. Owen Hughes beat Dr. C. H. Burton and J. R. Collis, 6-1, 6-3; A. B. Rutherford and T. H. King beat C. C. Stark and W. B. Brown, 6-3, 6-8, 6-3; Capt. E. W. Morris and Dr. R. E. Tottenham beat H. G. Sheldon and J. T. Prior, 6-1, 6-2.

Handicap Singles: "A", S. M. Gardner beat E. D. Evans, 6-4, 7-5; L. M. S. Lloyd beat W. L. Dunbar, 6-1, 6-4.

Today's Matches.

Three important Open Doubles matches are among the lengthy list of matches down for decision this afternoon. The list is appended:

Open Doubles: Col. Russell Brown and L. Forster v E. D. Sousa and F. Prata, I. M. Razack and J. Cassimboy v E. C. and E. F. Fincher, H. D. and S. A. Rumliah v J. W. Leonard and N. Trambly.

Handicap Doubles: J. Owen and E. E. Mimmack v S. E. and D. S. Green; J. D. Humphries and A. W. Hayward v C. Blaker and H. S. Hillis; T. J. and E. R. Price v R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley.

Handicap Singles: "A", G. S. Hugh Jones v G. Miskin, R. W. Lee v C. C. Stark.

Handicap Singles: "B", R. L. Moncrieff v R. G. Wilkerson.

ENTERTAINING THE FORCES.

QUEEN'S BUILDING Y.M.C.A. CONCERTS.

About fifty tables were occupied at the City Hall last evening on the occasion of a whist drive, which was organised in connexion with schemes for entertaining the Naval and Military units in Hongkong, by Lady Clement's Entertainment Committee. In conjunction with the "drive" a concert was also arranged by the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee, in which popular local artists took part.

This concert followed the usual Tuesday night concert at the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., Queen's Building, there being a crowded attendance. Those contributing were Mr. Hyde Lay, (baritone), Mr. R. Sutherland, (diversion), Mr. M. Minney, (soprano), and Miss Munro (soprano). Mrs. Hyde Lay was the accompanist.

The weekly Tuesday concert was held earlier in the evening, and the two concerts following on each other caused a longer programme to be presented, which was none the less enjoyable. The Tuesday concert was in charge of Mrs. W. Costen, and usually start about 6.30 p.m. and continue until ten o'clock. Naval and military men are invited to participate and invariably a bright and enjoyable programme results.

Among those contributing were Mrs. C. P. Marcel, Mrs. R. Sanger, Mrs. H. Balleen, Mrs. G. W. R. Griggs, Mrs. C.P.F. James, and Mrs. H. V. Parker. Soldiers and sailors also participated.

The Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee are arranging further concerts to take place at the Pekin Road Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, on Thursday next and on April 19th at 6.30 p.m.

When Prince Chichibu of Japan was called home from Oxford by the illness of his father, he took with him a pair of "love birds," popular parlour pets in England. He started a fad in his country that is bringing thousands of the birds each month into the Orient.

Hired by an American millionaire, an aeroplane of the Royal Dutch Air Lines left Croydon for Cairo, where it will be used for a series of eight-seeing tours.

BOVRIL LIMITED.

EVER-GROWING POPULARITY.

Presiding at the 30th annual general meeting of Bovril Limited, held 24th February, at River Plate House, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C., the Chairman, Sir George Lawson-Johnston, said that the associations surrounding the ownership of a proprietary article were very important, and he thought it would be difficult to find any articles which stood better than Bovril in this respect. The public not only valued Bovril for what it is, but had a special regard for it because the company did not raise their prices during the War, and therefore earned no excess profits. In other words, they were not war profiteers.

A Result of Popularity.

Last November a complete van-load of Bovril (over 20,000 bottles) was stolen from within a quarter of a mile of the distributing headquarters. The van-man was enticed by a false message to go back to the office, and the thieves drove away with his van. There are some things you might be a year trying to sell at any price, but Bovril is so universal as to be just like currency. The whole load, no doubt, was sold and got into circulation during the day.

Bovril Prevents "These Sinking Exports."

He could tell them again this year there was no "sinking feeling" about Bovril's overseas exports. Every year since the war had shown an increase upon its predecessor, and again for 1926 he could say their sales considerably exceeded those of 1925, whilst the period from January 1st to date, this year showed a good increase over January and February, 1926.

The Australia Company.

The Bovril Australian estates cover a larger area than the Argentine ones—in fact, over 9,000,000 acres—and, though the cattle stock is large, it is not as great as we have in the Argentine. There has been a very serious drought in Queensland, but we are advised that this has not affected us to any extent in the Northern Territory and Western Australia, where the Bovril Australian estates are.

The Chairman left for South America in July and returned to England in November. He spent the bulk of his time going over the properties of the Argentine estates of Bovril Limited, which now extend, including the rented estates, to 1,500,000 acres, upon which we have about 250,000 head of cattle.

The Mystery of Influenza.

Sir James Crichton-Browne, thinking the shareholders for his re-election as a director, said it must, he thought, be very satisfactory to the shareholders to realise by the steadily increasing sales of Bovril that it was being more and more appreciated as a body-builder and a rampart against the incursions of disease. Several of the great scourges that afflicted us—notably amongst them influenza—were mysteries as to their efficient cause. Scientists had not yet detected the infinitely minute organism on which influenza depended, which was certainly air-borne, and swept in huge waves over vast tracts of the earth from time to time, and they had, therefore, no antiseptic, no vaccine, no serum or specific remedy by which it might be destroyed or counteracted, outside or inside the body. What they had to trust to was the power of the body to repel its attacks or hold it in check after it had affected an inroad. But that power of the body might, he believed, be greatly strengthened and augmented by Bovril, which was a nutrient agent of the highest value.

The Mystery of Influenza.

The journal of the Hongkong University Medical Society, the Caduceus, is well up to standard in the March number, which includes service illustrations with the text. Dr. Tottenham contributes a general observation on the medical profession, Lieut. Col. Lewis, R.A.M.C., has a valuable article on diagnosis and treatment of V.D. in the army, Dr. Clark (of Weihaiwei) deals with Kala-azar, Dr. Minnet writes informatively on rabies infection, and Dr. Cannon has a timely article on the new era in the treatment of cholera. Medical students will find a great deal of interest in a contribution dealing with the student and radiology, by Dr. McKenny, whilst in a paper by Dr. Osman, of the University, there is a concise summary of the place of the autopsy in medicine. Besides the editorial, there is a clinical note (illustrated) on epithelial odontoma of the maxilla, by Professor Digby, and the issue concludes with interesting reviews and notes and comments.

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Mr. D. C. Cameron, second officer, Yunnan, has gone second officer, Sinkiang.

Captain J. S. de Wolf, from Home leave, has gone master, Taikoo Wan Yi. Captain D. Lupton, of the Taikoo Wan Yi, has gone master, Kweiyang.

Mr. R. S. Goldie, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, Linan.

Mr. M. W. Hayter, third engineer, Suivang, has gone third engineer, Antung.

Mr. A. J. N. Wood, sup'y chief officer, Pingwo, has gone sup'y chief officer, Suivao.

Mr. R. G. Gillespie has been appointed second officer, Kingwo.

Mr. A. Cameron, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, Pingwo.

Mr. N. Richardson, second officer, Changwo, has gone acting chief officer, Kingwo.

Mr. R. E. Smith, second officer, Tingtang, is on reserve.

Captain C. Campbell, of the Tuckow, is on Home leave. Captain F. Rowell, from reserve, has gone master, Tuckow.

Captain J. W. Pettigrew, from reserve, has gone master, Tungwo.

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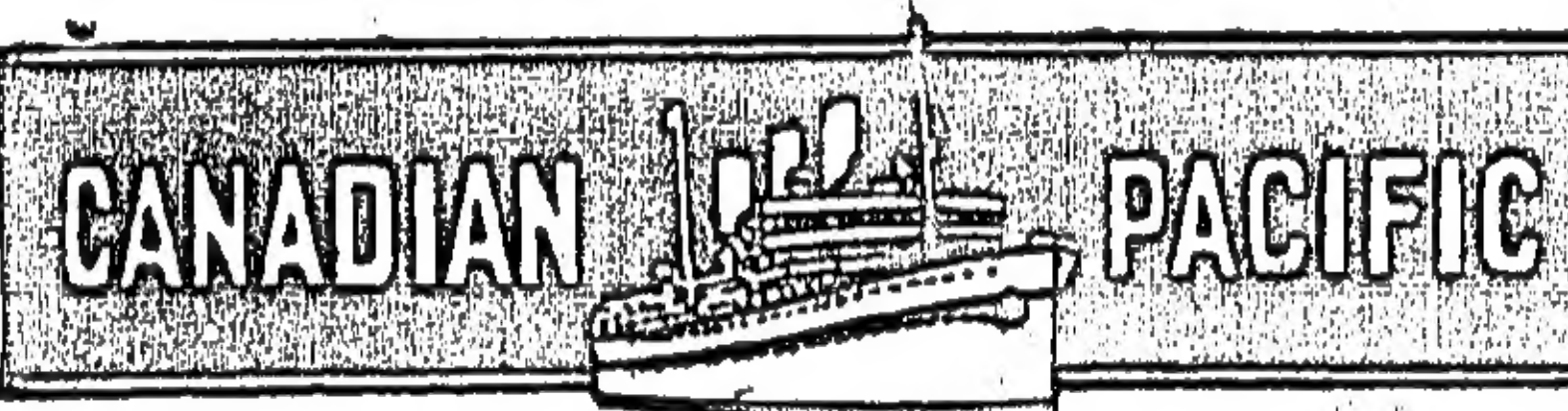
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His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) attended the annual inspection of The Hongkong Police, accompanied by his A.D.C. (Captain C. H. Steele, M.C.) yesterday afternoon. There was a smart turn-out of European, Indian, Cantonese, and Welsh police, and a small contingent of Indian guards.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., was in charge of the European contingent, Mr. C. G. Perdue, A.S.P., was at the head of the Indian force, whilst the Chinese detachments were under Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, received His Excellency, and accompanied him, together with Captain Steele, on his inspection of the force. His Excellency stopped here and there to speak to those members of the force who possessed medals.

After the inspection, His Excellency presented medals and commendations to various members of the force who have done good work during the year. As each man was given his award, His Excellency shook hands with him. The prizes for rifle and revolver shooting during the past year, were also presented. The full list is as follows:

Medals.

Sub-Ins. Andrew—recommended for King's Police Medal.—This officer was responsible for the disposition of the Police, who were sent out to guard a distillery at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay, against an impending attack by armed robbers. When the attack took place on December 2, 1926, he was so successful that, out of 9 robbers, 4 were killed and 4 captured. He was twice fired at point blank by the leader of the gang. Fortunately, both rounds were ineffective. Sub-Ins. Andrew, in his turn, shot his opponent dead. L. S. A. 195 Goodwin—2nd Class Medal.—In the initial stages of the encounter with armed robbers at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay, on December 2, 1926, this officer fatally wounded one of the attacking party. He was afterwards pursuing some other members of the gang, when he was fired at by another man. The latter he killed, assisted by P. S. 185 Tang Sang.

C. C. 17 Chau Sau—2nd Class Medal.—This officer together with Detective C. C. 626, Mak Po Tai engaged 3 of the robbers in the affair at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay. He seized one man who was armed with a revolver. During the struggle, he was attacked by another man armed with a dagger, slightly wounded and forced to release his opponent. The latter was killed later.

Detective P. S. 185 Tang Sang—3rd Class Medal.—On the occasion of the fight with armed robbers at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay, this officer was posted with C. C. 17 Chau Sau whom he assisted when attacked by one of the robbers. He was also engaged in the fight with 3 of the robbers.

C. C. 406 Fong Chung and C. C. 16 Chan Piu are granted 4th class medals for courageously and tenaciously chasing and capturing a murderer who was armed with an iron bar and a dagger and who strenuously resisted arrest on 5th September, 1926. Both the Constables were unarmed at the time.

Engineer-in-Chief Li Luk and L. S. W. 17 Lee Tam of the Water Police are granted 4th class medals for long and faithful service.

Commendations by H. E. the Governor.

Detective Inspector Pincoit is commended by His Excellency the Governor for thoroughness and zeal in conducting investigations and supervising the work of Detectives in Kowloon Stations during 1926. Sub-Ins. Perkins is commended by H. E. the Governor for initiative shown in connexion with the piracy and murder on board the steam launch "Sai Kung" on Sept. 12th, 1926. S. I. Perkins, in charge of No. 2 Police Launch, noticing that the steam launch "Sai Kung" had deviated from her course, followed her and came in sight of her when pirates on board had begun to loot the launch. The approach of No. 2 Launch caused the pirates to decamp hastily, and they were all arrested later.

Sub-Ins. Brown is commended by H. E. the Governor for zeal and initiative shown in tracking down and finally arresting 3 men who were charged with piracy and murder on board the steam launch "Sai Kung" on the 12th September, 1926. Two of these men were subsequently sentenced to death. L. S. 166 Lamprill is commended by H. E. the Governor for bravery

in engaging a madman, armed with a razor at 4 Battery Street, Yaumati, on the 16th December, 1926. L. S. 156 Lamprill was severely wounded in the wrist during the struggle.

L. S. 21 Carson and L. S. 147 Johnson, commended by H. E. the Governor. On the occasion of the fight with armed robbers at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay, on December 2, 1926, these two officers were in charge of No. 6 Police Launch and were responsible for the capture of a junk in which 3 of the unwounded robbers were endeavouring to escape.

Principal Chinese Detective Wong Lau is commended by H. E. the Governor for zeal and intelligence displayed in handling information and conducting enquiries and plans whereby two live bombs were seized at the Wan Kau Boarding House, 32 New Market Street, on March 2nd, 1926. One man was sentenced to five years' hard labour. One woman was sentenced to four years H. L.

Detective L. S. C. 75 Lo Kwong and Detective C. C. 357 Tsoi Wing Kok commended by H. E. the Governor for zeal shown in conducting investigations and finally arresting 2 men who were charged with piracy and murder on board the steam launch "Sai Kung" on 12th September, 1926. Both prisoners were subsequently sentenced to death.

Detective L. S. 90 Kwong Hung—Commended by H. E. the Governor. On the occasion of the fight with armed robbers at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay, December 2, 1926, this officer, who was under cover, shot dead one of the robbers who was attempting to escape.

Stoker Leung Lu of No. 6 Police Launch commended by H. E. the Governor and granted a reward of \$10, for prompt action in going to the rescue of an old man who accidentally fell into the water at Yaumati Typhoon Shelter on December 18, 1926.

Rifle Shooting.

The winners of prizes for rifle and revolver shooting during past year follow:

European Police.—Superintendent's Cup, Won by P. S. 29 Carey.

Revolver Championship Cup: 2nd prize, P. S. 14 Saunders.

Sir Edward Stubbs Revolver Cup: Won by P. S. 29 Carey.

Revolver Handicap Cup: Won by P. S. 29 Carey.

Team Competition for East Surrey Revolver Cup: Won by Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe's Team.

Prize for best score in winning team: P. S. 14 Saunders.

Indian Police: 1st prize, I. P. C. 88 Anwar Khan; 2nd, I. P. C. 268 Jagir Singh; 3rd, I. P. C. 71 Awer Singh.

Revolver Shooting: 1st, I. P. C. 303 Malik; 2nd, I. P. S. 45 Sher Ali Shah; I. P. C. 58 Alim Khan, I. P. C. 638 Gurbax Singh.

Chinese Police: Revolver Championship Cup: Won by C. C. 78 Lau Hing-wai; 2nd, P.C.D. 280 Wei Kuei Lin; 3rd, P.C.D. 357 Yang Huan Heng.

H. E.'s Congratulations.

His Excellency then addressed the force as follows:—Mr. Wolfe, Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Constables of the Hongkong Police Force, I am glad to be able to congratulate all ranks of the Force on faithful and efficient service rendered to the Colony during last year under conditions which were exceptionally trying. The work of the European police was very meritorious and I note with satisfaction an increase in the number of those who are qualifying in the Chinese language. The Indian police have carried out their increasingly difficult duties in a most praiseworthy manner and their discipline and esprit de corps have been entirely unaffected by the Bolshevik turbulence now let loose in the Far East. The Chinese police have behaved loyally and well, especially those in the Criminal Investigation Department, who had much hard work thrown upon them owing to the chaos and anarchy which prevailed in the neighbouring provinces of China. The Traffic Police show distinct improvement in the discharge of their duties, particularly those selected Wei-hai-wei men who have passed the regulation of traffic test after undergoing a special course at the Police Training School. The members of the Flying Squad, both regulars and specials, have done good work and the specials, only recently enrolled, deserve great praise for the ungrudging manner in which they have placed their services at all times at the disposal of the Police Authorities. The capture of a bad character with a fully loaded revolver on him by four Specials of the Flying Squad just before the Chinese New Year was very creditable.

Piracy and Brigandage.

Piracy and brigandage occur unfortunately with alarming frequency in the immediate neighbourhood of this Colony. The work which devolves upon the Hongkong Police in this connection is both difficult and dangerous. A good example was the "Sunning" piracy case, which implicated 22 defendants and entailed heavy work on the European and Chinese

LOCAL WEDDING.

MA-WONG.

St. Stephen's Church was the scene of a pretty wedding held on Tuesday afternoon, the parties being Mr. Henry Ma, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ma Joe Young and Miss Mary Wong, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wong Joy Hung. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of pink satin trimmed with crystal beads.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Lee Kau Yan. The bridesmaids were Miss Grace Wong and Miss Amy Ma. Miss Ma Gum Oi was flower-girl and Master Stanley Kwam, with Miss Betty Wong the trainbearer.

The bride carried a bouquet of white roses, while the bridesmaids carried bouquets of pink roses. Mr. Andrew Ma carried out the duties of "best man" and Mr. Charles Ma was groomsmen.

A reception was held at the bridegroom's residence, 8, St. Stephen's Lane, and a banquet is to be held to-night at the Yee Woo Restaurant. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many handsome presents from friends and relatives.

members of the Criminal Investigation Department, who acquitted themselves well in their handling of the case with the result that death sentences were passed on eight pirates, of whom six have already been executed and two await execution. The Indian guards, who are placed on steamers to prevent piracy, come in for much criticism from time to time. It is, therefore, only right that attention should be drawn to the dangerous nature of their duties. The list of casualties in their ranks during past years was augmented by the attack upon two guards in the steam launch "Sai Kung" by pirates near High Island in September last. One of these guards succumbed to his injuries. Thanks to the vigilance of the officer in charge of No. 2 police launch, Sub-Inspector Perkins, the pirates had to leave the "Sai Kung" hurriedly; and soon afterwards, as a result of further smart work on the part of the Water Police under Inspector Brown, arrests were made which led to the execution of three pirates.

Fine Exploit.

It gives me much pleasure to record the fine exploit of Sub-Inspector Andrew, assisted by Lance Sergeant Goodwin and a party of Chinese police, at Kwai Chung in December last, when they accounted for eight out of nine brigands who had intended to rob a distillery. Four were shot dead and four were captured and sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment. The police fortunately suffered no casualties, although repeatedly fired at. Sub-Inspector Andrew has been recommended for the King's medal and the other officers concerned have been suitably rewarded. In this case again the Water Police are to be congratulated on their share in the encounter, for they captured three men on the boat which brought the robbers to Kwai Chung.

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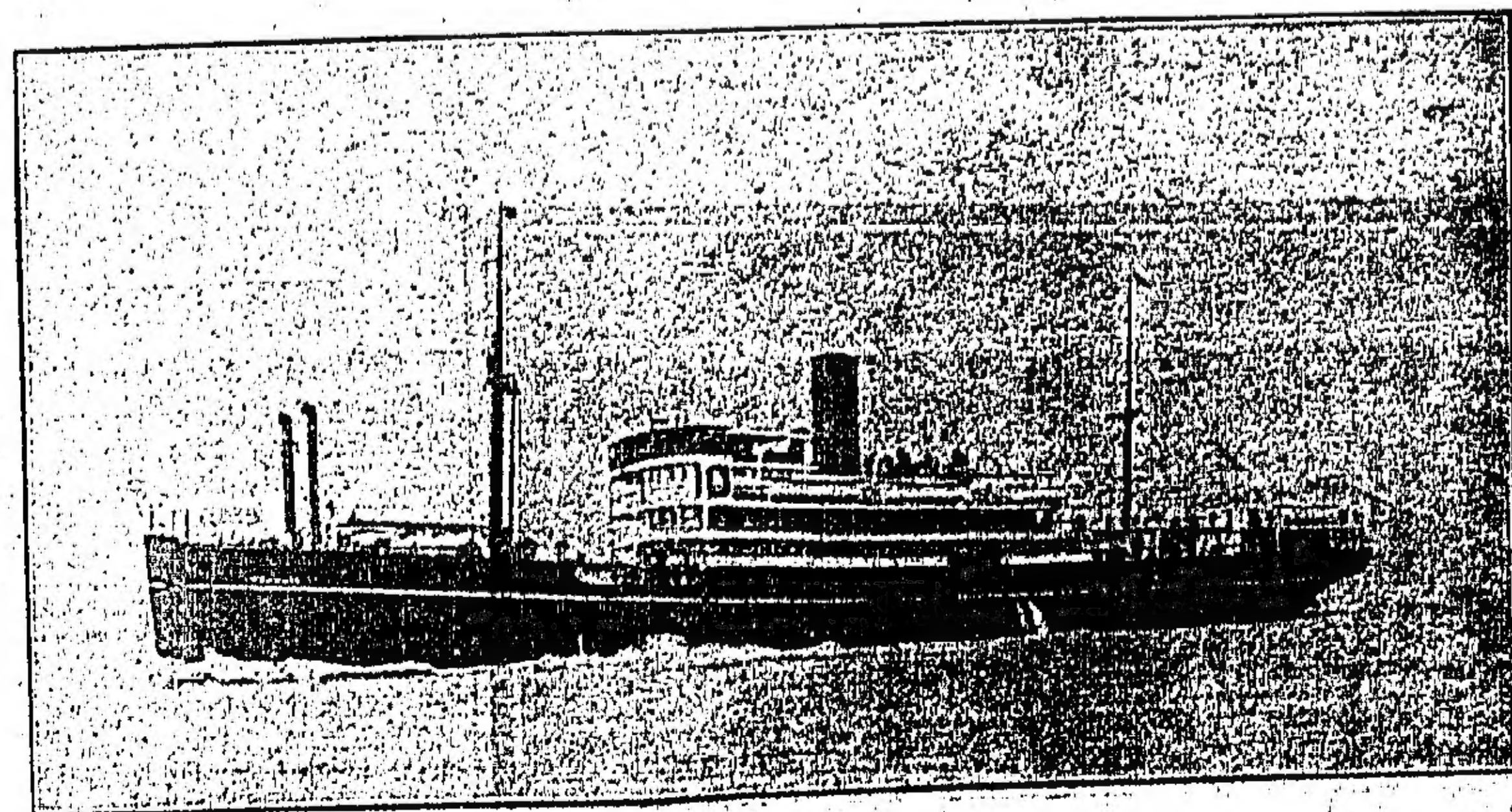
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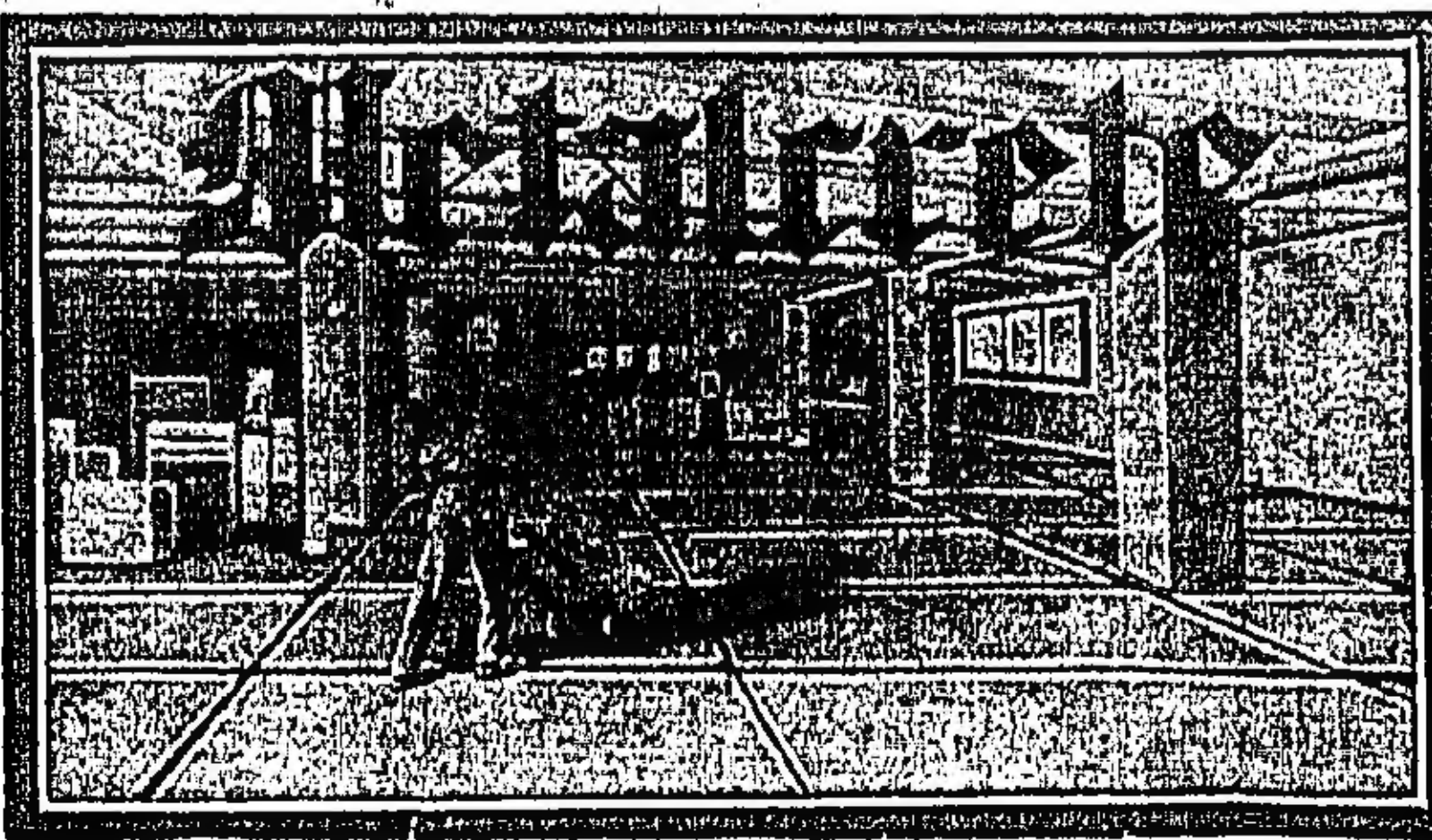
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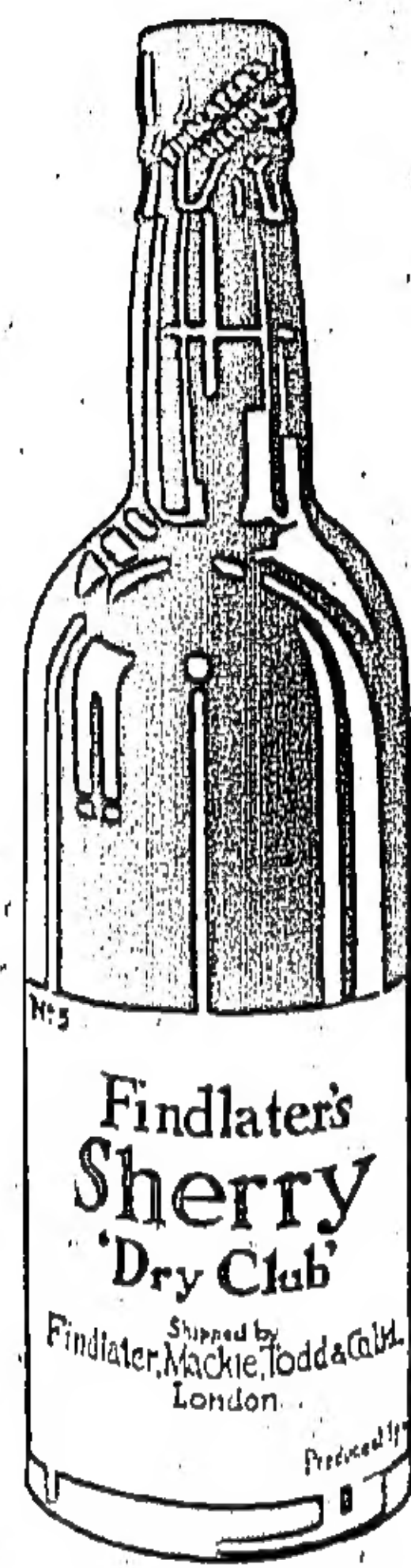
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subordinates throughout the provinces, in which closer relations between the Kuomintang and the Soviet delegates are urged.—*Reuter.*

ANTI-SOVIET MOVES.

Britain Not Fully Consulted.

London, April 12. In the House of Commons, Colonel Wedgwood asked whether the Government was aware of or had authorised the raid on the Soviet at Peking before it occurred, and whether it had given its approval after the raid before consulting the United States.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson replied that the Government had been informed beforehand that the Protocol Ministers were prepared to authorise the entry of the metropolitan police to the Legation Quarter. The Government had issued no instructions. Replying to further questions, Mr. Locker-Lampson said the proposal to picket the Soviet Consulate at Shanghai was unknown to the Government before it occurred.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH FORCES.

Arrive in Hongkong To-day.

The M.M. Chenonceaux arrived in Hongkong this morning with 195 French and 16 Annamite troops, who embarked at Saigon.

The French coaster Songbo from Haiphong, is also due to arrive here this afternoon with another contingent of Indo-Chinese troops, who will be transferred to the Chenonceaux.

The M.M. Liner will sail with these troops for Shanghai as soon as the transfer of the Haiphong force and its equipment has been completed.

AMOY CUSTOMS CLOSED.

Result of Seamen's Demands.

Amoy, April 6. As a sequel to the refusal by the Customs House of the demands presented by the Seamen's Union,

shipping circles here are experiencing difficulty in loading and unloading cargo. The shipping business of the Customs and attendance at the office of Customs officers has been hindered since February.

The Customs Commissioner called on the Japanese Consul this morning and said:

"With regard to the demands presented to the Customs House by the Seamen's Union, I have received a reply from the Acting Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Peking that as the demands are too extravagant as compared with other localities it is impossible to accept them. Therefore, I have no alternative but to close the Customs House from to-day. As not only loading and unloading of cargo, but the entrance and clearance of vessels will be rendered impossible by the closing of the Customs House, I have notified the Doyen of the Consular Body to the above effect."

Accordingly, the Japanese Consul is now considering remedial measures.

Postal Strike Settled.

Amoy, April 13. An agreement concerning the postal strike has at last been reached, and the dispute has now been settled. The situation has shown considerable improvement in the course of the last few days.—*Naval Wireless.*

Foochow, April 13.

The Moderate Party have control of the situation, which is satisfactory.—*Naval Wireless.*

JAPANESE REFUGEES.

Being Transported Home.

It was expected that two N.Y.K. steamers would arrive in Shanghai on Saturday from up-river, carrying with them 1,000 of the Japanese refugees who have been forced to evacuate Hankow and other ports.

The Korea Maru, which was to have made her usual southern run, was detained in Shanghai and the intention was that she would transport these refugees to Japan.

GRACEFUL INCIDENT.

Pleasing Act of Courtesy.

Those who had the good fortune to be on or near the Race Course yesterday morning at about 11 o'clock, says the *N. C. Daily News* of Saturday last, saw a pleasing act of courtesy on the part of the famous regimental band of the Green Howards. A battalion of men and officers of the Imperial Japanese Navy, with colours flying, marched on to the course, where they were received by officers of the Yorkshire Regiment, better known as the "Green Howards." While the naval men were standing easy, the band of the "Green Howards" played a selection of beautiful music under the conductor, a well-known Kneiller Hall graduate, and when the naval battalion reformed ranks and stood to attention, the band played the Japanese National Anthem, while British officers and men of the regulars and volunteers stood either at the salute or at attention. When the naval men marched off, the band played the spirited "Gladiators" march, and, as a fitting finale, the British National Anthem, not in the perfunctory manner in which it is often rendered, but with a rare grace and expression that impressed many. The whole episode was one of those graceful acts that make the world a much happier place than it would be without them.

NANKING HORROR.

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He got a brusque reception. He was told that the Naval men were interested in none of his explanations and had no intention of negotiating about anything and, when he still persisted in his efforts to cloud the major issue and gain time, Admiral Hough cut him short abruptly and told him that if the missing foreigners were not brought to the river-front at ten o'clock he would reduce Nanking to

Entertainments.

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a heap of cinders. The apologist then made a hurried return and, according to those on shore, set things moving with phenomenal speed. Military officers, student leaders, agitators and civil functionaries were rounded up and pressed into service, being warned that if they did not help to find every foreigner in town and bring him, with all due solicitude to the Bund, none of them would survive the morning. It is certain that Nanking has never been so thoroughly combed, for a Chinese friend tells the writer that he saw excited groups of students and soldiers spread out over the fields, searching every mud hovel and every ditch, and even prying into empty graves. Many of those found in hiding were treated with tender solicitude, to which they have since testified, and for which they are in debt, as they are for their lives, to Admiral Hough's success in making his threat convincing.

A Brave Signaller.

A high tribute is paid by all those who were on Socony Hill to the American sailor who maintained his position on the top of the highest house, under fire from snipers and under the shrapnel of his own gunners, keeping the

gunboats informed of the situation until the last foreigner in that group of refugees was over the city wall and gone. The only way to frighten the unformed, savages out of the foreign houses was to explode shells immediately over them, which was done from both the American and British gunboats with remarkable accuracy and with spectacular effect. The first shell from the No. 4 cracker immediately over the house in which the refugees were huddled and fairly stunned them all, but it gave to all the Southerners the agility of antelopes. They bounded out of every house and just as they got into the open the second shell struck the city wall and the whole earth vibrated. Looking out over the fields from the eminence, the foreigners could see soldiers, students and armed ruffians running as human beings seldom do except in a cinema film. Meanwhile the unhappy signaller who was standing immediately under the first shell that burst, stuck to his post and kept up his wig-wagging. While the foreigners were getting down to the wall and over it, he kept up a running story of events with his signals and then, when the last refugee had disappeared, he came down and slid over the wall himself.

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